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WILMOT

NEW HAMPSHIRE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

together with the

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS

for the Year Ending

DECEMBER 31, 1975

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TOWN OFFICIALS

Moderator

Peter H. Allen

Town Clerk

Lewis W. Loomer

Town Treasurer

Arthur E. Thompson

Selectmen

John H. Morse, Chairman

Earle W. Chandler

Ernest M. Patten

Term expires 1976

Term expires 1977

Term expires 1978

Tax Collector

Annette E. Stevens

Auditor

Alexander Guy

Planning Board

John H. Morse

Term expires 1976

Robert Minard

Term expires 1977

Barbara Sanborn, Secretary

Term expires 1980

John Madden, Chairman

Term expires 1977

Henry Stevens

Term expires 1976

Francis Caruso

Term expires 1976

Thomas Voss

Term expires 1976

Board of Adjustment

Edward Seufert

Term expires 1976

John Borelli

Term expires 1977

Clifford Robichaud, Chairman

Term expires 1980

Walter Walker, Clerk

Term expires 1976

Mildred Howard

Term expires 1977

Overseer of Public Welfare

Margaret D. Loomer

Road Agent

Henry L. Patten

Trustees of the Library

Thelma Minard

Term expires 1977

Phyllis Robichaud

Term expires 1978

Judith S. Walker

Term expires 1976

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Ballot Clerks

Barbara L. Sanborn
Irene LeVarn

Maurice Langley
Leona Stewart

Trustees of Trust Funds

Clifford Robichaud
Patricia Fleury
Paul Bidwell

Term expires 1978
Term expires 1976
Term expires 1977

Town History Committee

Walter W. Walker
Leona Stewart

Lida H. Gross
Florence Langley

Police Officers

Robert Jones, Chief

May Jones

Fire Warden
Paul H. Gross

Deputy Fire Warden
Paul L. Sanborn

Health Officers
Walter W. Walker
John Bickford

Representative to the General Court
Paul Ryan, Danbury

Kearsarge Regional School District
School Board Member - Peter H. Allen

Cemetery Trustees

Mary Jane Schoeller
Florence Langley
Edith Locklin

Term expires 1976
Term expires 1976
Term expires 1976

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM ONE P. M. TO SIX P. M.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilmot in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at The Town Hall in said Wilmot on Tuesday, the Second day of March, next at one of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To see if the Town is in favor of adopting Amendments to the existing Wilmot Planning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board.

You are hereby further notified to meet at the Wilmot Town Hall in said Wilmot the 2nd day of March next, at seven of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes and to negotiate the extension or renewal of the notes securing such loans when it is necessary.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$723.75 (Seven hundred twenty-three dollars and 75/100) for the Kearsarge Visiting Nurse Association.
6. (Requested) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 (Three thousand five hundred dollars) for the Wilmot Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.
7. (Requested) To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the New London Hospital.
8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell any material or equipment deemed to be surplus to the Town needs; the sale of highway material or equipment to be made with the approval of the Road Agent.
9. To see if the Town will vote to be a member of the regional planning commission, organized and named the Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council, and to appropriate the sum of \$399.00 (Three hundred ninety-nine dollars) as the Town's share of the annual operating expenses of the regional planning commission to be used in conjunction with other state and federal funds available for planning purposes.

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10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, the amount of \$5,180.85 (Five thousand one hundred eighty dollars and 85/100) to be used in renovation and preservation of the Wilmot Flat school building for town purposes.
11. To see if the Town will vote to remove the sum of \$4,816.15 (Four thousand eight hundred sixteen dollars and 15/100) from the Special Account for Revenue Sharing Funds to be used in renovation and preservation of the Wilmot Flat School building for town purposes.
12. To see if the Town will vote to remove the sum of \$16,499.60 (Sixteen thousand four hundred ninety-nine dollars and 60/100) from the Special Account for Revenue Sharing Funds for use in preparing tax maps of the Town, said maps to be completed by December 31, 1977.
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. (Five hundred dollars) for the use of the Wilmot Bicentennial Committee in conducting their commemorative events.
14. To see if the Town votes to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program by directing the Board of Selectmen to complete the eligibility application and submit the required information to the Federal Insurance Administration.
15. To see if the Town votes to adopt the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that this Town Meeting hereby:

"1. Assures the Federal Insurance administration that it intends to enact and maintain in force for those areas having defined flood hazards, adequate land use and control measures with effective enforcement provisions consistent with the Criteria set forth in Section 1910 of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations; and

"2. Vests the Planning Board with the responsibility, authority, and means to:

- (a) Delineate or assist the Administrator, at his request, in delineating the limits of the areas having special flood hazards on available local maps of sufficient scale to identify the location of building sites.
- (b) Provide such information as the Administrator may request concerning present uses and occupancy of the floodplain.
- (c) Cooperate with Federal, state, and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map, and identify floodplain areas, and cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to management of adjoining floodplains in order to prevent aggravation of existing hazards.

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- (d) Submit on the anniversary date of the community's initial eligibility an annual report to the Administrator on the progress made during the past year within the community in the development and implementation of floodplain management measures.
- "3. Appoints the Building Inspector to maintain for public inspection and to furnish upon request a record of elevations (in relation to mean sea level) of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new or substantially improved structures located in the special flood hazard areas. If the lowest floor is below grade on one or more sides, the elevation of the floor immediately above must also be recorded.
- "4. Intends to take such other official action within its powers as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the program."

16. To see if the Town votes to adopt the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Meeting of the Town of Wilmot, New Hampshire as follows:

- "1. That the Building Inspector shall review all building permit applications for new construction or substantial improvements to determine whether proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding. If a proposed building site is in a location that has a flood hazard, any proposed new construction or substantial improvement (including prefabricated and mobile homes) must (i) be designed (or modified) and anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement of the structure, (ii) use construction materials and utility equipment that are resistant to flood damage, and (iii) use construction methods and practices that will minimize flood damage; and
- "2. That the Planning Board shall review subdivision proposals and other proposed new developments to assure that (i) all such proposals are consistent with the need to minimize flood damage, (ii) all public utilities and facilities, such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems are located, elevated, and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage, and (iii) adequate drainage is provided so as to reduce exposure to flood hazards; and
- "3. That the Planning Board shall require new or replacement water supply systems and/or sanitary sewage systems to be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharges from the systems into flood waters, and require on-site waste disposal systems to be located so as to avoid impairment of them or contamination from them during flooding."

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$667.20 (Six hundred sixty-seven and 20/100) for the continuation of services to the low-income residents of Wilmot through the Kearsarge Valley Area

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center of the Community Action Program, Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.

18. To see if the Town will vote to take the sum of \$3,500 (Three thousand five hundred dollars) from the Bridge Capital Reserve fund for use in completing the reconstruction of the Eagle Pond Bridge.

19. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 10th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy six.

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

JOHN H. MORSE

EARLE W. CHANDLER

ERNEST M. PATTEN

Selectmen of Wilmot

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SELECTMEN'S NOTES

1. Roads: The Duncan Fund and T.R.A. monies were spent on additional improvements and oiling of Shindagen Road. Residents appear to want better roads and highway department services as indicated by the number of calls to Selectmen and/or Road Agent. As a result, private trucks are now in use on town roads during the winter maintenance season to facilitate in more quickly opening roads and sanding same.

2. Eagle Pond Bridge: The original contractor who was quoted a firm price for the construction of the bridge did not provide same and after fruitless efforts to confirm the order, late in the season, another firm was contracted to produce the bridge part. With cost increases, the 1975 appropriation would only purchase the bridge which has now been constructed and is in storage, scheduled for delivery in the summer. Additional money must be appropriated to complete the construction phase of the project at the site.

3. Solid Waste: After public hearing and negotiations with the principal of the So. Danbury landfill site, the Selectmen voted to close the present dump site on 2-15-76, and entered into an agreement for 12 months to use the South Danbury sanitary landfill.

4. Agreements were entered to begin the structural reconditioning of the Wilmot Flat Schoolhouse. Initially needed are new roof shingles on one half of the building and structural improvements in terms of leveling the floors before final improvements can be implemented within the interior. Thanks to efforts of the Wilmot Bicentennial Committee, through generous donations and a Federal grant, funds in part will be available for interior renovation which, added to an additional town appropriation, should make possible the completion of the building for town use. We anticipate town offices for the Board of Selectmen, Tax Collector, and Town Clerk, with additional space available for the Bicentennial Committee or future Wilmot Historical Society, as well as a meeting place and record storage for the Wilmot Planning Board.

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**PROPOSED BUDGET
1976**

Source of Revenue	1975 Estimated	1975 Received	1976 Estimated
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 9,733.70	\$ 9,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	800.00	925.77	900.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	3,00.00	3,590.33	3,000.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	16,000.00	16,883.68	20,151.51
Reimbursement Forest Conservation Aid	450.00	1,381.68	900.00
Reim. A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	1,000.00	1,300.40	1,000.00
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	300.00	309.00	300.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing fees	200.00		150.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	9,000.00	9,495.80	10,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	1,500.00	2,703.84	1,500.00
Income from Trust Funds			125.00
Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Resident Taxes Retained	2,500.00	3,430.00	3,100.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	500.00	1,281.58	2,000.00
Rent of Town Property	75.00	75.00	100.00
Surplus		3,000.00	
From Federal Sources:			
Revenue Sharing	4,000.00	4,695.76	5,800.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$51,895.00	\$62,806.07	\$62,026.51

Purpose of Appropriation	1975 Estimated Revenue	1975 Actual Revenue	1976 Estimated Revenue
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,240.25	\$ 3,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	4,800.00	4,328.11	6,300.00
Election & Registration Expenses	300.00	427.37	1,000.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	3,500.00	1,542.06	1,400.00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	1,600.00	1,115.67	1,800.00

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Protection of Persons & Property:

	2018	2017	2016
Police Department	1,800.00	2,083.95	3,500.00
Fire Department	3,000.00	3,000.00	100.00
Insurance	3,000.00	3,015.45	5,000.00
Planning & Zoning	300.00	229.81	300.00
Damages & Legal Expense	250.00	80.00	250.00
Civil Defense	500.00	981.24	500.00

Health Dept.

[Inc. Hospitals, Ambulance]	1,411.25	711.25	200.00
Vital Statistics	15.00		15.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	3,000.00	2,289.00	3,800.00

Highways & Bridges:

Town Maintenance—Sum. & Win.	35,000.00	39,240.33	40,000.00
Street Lighting	650.00	579.60	650.00
General Expenses of			
Highway Department	5,000.00	8,438.67	5,000.00
Town Road Aid	862.70	862.70	870.92

Libraries:

1,400.00 1,400.00 1,500.00

Public Welfare:

Town Poor	600.00	97.18	600.00
Old Age Assistance	1,700.00	682.92	1,000.00
Aid to Permanently & Totally Disabled			100.00

Patriotic Purposes [Memorial Day]

recreation	500.00	59.30	500.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	1,275.00	924.15	1,200.00
Advertising & Regional Assn.	391.00	391.00	

Debt Service:

Principal & Long Term			
Notes & Bonds	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Interest — Long Term Notes & Bonds	467.00	467.00	467.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	2,500.00	1,974.94	1,900.00

Capital Outlay [List Below]:

Refunds	600.00	196.35	500.00
Eagle Pond Bridge	11,000.00		
New Truck		10,150.00	
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$95,871.95 \$96,458.30 \$89,202.92

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
TOWN OF WILMOT 1975

Title of Appropriation	Appropriations	Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Overdraft
Town Officers' Salaries	\$3,500.00		\$3,275.00	\$ 225.00		
Town Officers' Expenses	4,800.00		4,328.11	471.89		
Election and Registration	300.00		300.00	427.37		127.37
Town Hall & Other Buildings	3,500.00		3,500.00	1,542.06	1,957.94	
Employees' Retirement	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,115.67	484.33	
Town Officers' Credits	965.25				965.25	
Police Department	1,800.00		1,800.00	2,083.95		283.95
Fire Dept. Incl. Forest Fires	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		
Insurance	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,015.45		15.45
Planning and Zoning	300.00		300.00	229.81	70.19	
Damages and Legal Exp.	250.00		250.00	80.00	170.00	
Civil Defense	500.00		365.62	865.62	981.24	
Health Dept. Incl. Hospitals	1,411.25			1,411.25	711.25	700.00
Vital Statistics	15.00			15.00		15.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	3,000.00			3,000.00	2,289.00	711.00
Town Road Maintenance	35,000.00		12,262.93	47,262.93	39,240.33	8,022.60
Street Lighting	650.00			650.00	579.60	70.40
General Highway Expense	5,000.00			5,000.00	8,438.67	3,438.67

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Town Road Aid	862.70	862.70	862.70
Libraries	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Town Poor	600.00	600.00	97.18
Old Age Assistance	1,700.00	1,700.00	682.92
Patriotic Purposes	450.00	450.00	1,017.08
Recreation	500.00	1,385.22	1,885.22
Cemeteries	1,275.00	1,275.00	924.15
Advertising and Regional Associations	391.00	391.00	391.00
Principal & Long Term Notes and Bonds	2,967.00	2,967.00	2,967.00
Interest On Loans	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,974.94
Capital Reserve Funds Land, Bldgs.,	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
New Equipment	11,000.00	11,000.00	10,150.00
Discounts, Abatements, Refunds	600.00	600.00	850.00
			403.65
			\$18,373.73
			\$3,981.06

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STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Appropriations:

Town Officers' Salaries	3,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	4,800.00
Election & Registration Expenses	300.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	3,500.00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	1,600.00
Contingency Fund	600.00
Police Department	1,800.00
Fire Department	3,000.00
Insurance	3,000.00
Planning & Zoning	300.00
Damages & Legal Expenses	250.00
Civilian Defense	500.00
Health Department (Incl. Hospitals & Ambulance)	1,411.25
Vital Statistics	15.00
Town Dump & Garbage Collection	3,000.00
Town Maintenance—Summer & Winter —	
Including Subsidy & Duncan Fund	35,000.00
Street Lighting	650.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	5,000.00
Town Road Aid	862.70
Libraries	1,400.00
Town Poor	600.00
Old Age Assistance	1,700.00
Patriotic Purposes (Memorial Day, etc.)	450.00
Recreation (Parks, Playground, etc.)	500.00
Cemeteries	1,275.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	391.00
Principal — Long Term Notes	2,500.00
Interest — Long Term Notes	467.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	2,500.00
Eagle Pond Bridge	11,000.00
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds	4,000.00
Revenue Sharing Art. 10	9,109.00

TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

\$104,980.95

Less Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest and Dividends Tax	9,733.70
Savings Bank Tax	925.77
Meals and Rooms Tax	3,590.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	808.99
Reimbursement a/c Disaster Damage 1973	5,397.00
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	1,384.98
Interest Received on Taxes	1,500.00

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Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	200.00
Dog Licenses	300.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	9,000.00
Rent of Town Property and Equipment	75.00
Income from Trust Funds	125.00
Resident Taxes	3,430.00
Surplus	3,000.00
Revenue Sharing (Contra)	9,109.00
Class & Duncar Fund	6,075.22
Highway Subsidy	10,825.44
Bridge — Capital Reserve Fund	11,000.00
 Total Revenues and Credits	 \$76,480.10
Net Town Appropriations	28,500.85
Net School Appropriations	173,479.57
County Tax Assessment	14,644.82
 Total of Town, School and County	 216,325.24
Add: War Service Tax Credits	2,450.00
Add: Overlay	1,039.40
 Property Taxes to Be Raised	 \$218,816.64
Gross Property Taxes	\$218,816.64
Less: W/Serv. Tax Cr.	-2,450.00
 TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	 \$216,366.64

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**FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OF WILMOT**

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1975

ASSETS

Cash:

In Hands of Treasurer	\$ 54,018.18
In Hands of Officials	24,999.60
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Total \$ 79,017.78

Capital Reserve Funds:

Bridges	3,943.53
Equipment	4,680.07
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Total \$ 8,623.60

Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy of 1974	8,239.04
Levy of 1973	4,355.82
Previous Years	1,230.45
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Total \$ 13,825.31

Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 1975, Including Resident Taxes	51,636.05
Levy of 1974	504.21
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Total \$ 52,140.26

Total Assets \$153,606.95

Grand Total \$153,606.95

Current Surplus December 31, 1975 \$ 34,317.58

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Bills Outstanding	\$ 3,101.00
Unexpended Balances of Bond & Note Funds	14,700.00
Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations:	4,695.76
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	12.00
Due to State: 2% Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes (Uncollected)	<hr/>

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Yield Tax Deposits (Escrow Acc't)	2,688.84
School District Tax Payable	85,479.57
Total Accounts Owed by the Town	\$110,665.77
Capital Reserve Funds:	8,623.60
Total Liabilities	119,289.37
Current Surplus	34,317.598
Grand Total	\$153,606.95

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes	
Current Year — 1975	\$167,141.73
Resident Taxes	
Current Year — 1975	1,970.00
Yield Taxes	
Current Year — 1975	1,575.87
Total Current Year's Taxes	
Collected and Remitted	170,687.70
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes	
Previous Years	51,040.94
Resident Taxes — Previous Years	780.00
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes	2,365.41
Penalties	88.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	4,968.09

From State:

For Highways and Bridges:	
For Town Road Aid	2,825.85
For Class V Highway Maintenance	6,075.22
Highway Subsidy	10,808.46
Interest and Dividends Tax	9,733.70
Savings Bank Tax	925.77
Reimbursement a-c State and Federal	
Forest Lands	2,190.67
Meals and Rooms Tax	3,590.33
Reimbursements a-c Business Profits Tax	1,300.40
All Other Receipts from State (Fed. share Motion Pict. Proj.)	365.62

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	308.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	239.00

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Rent of Town Property	105.00
Income From Departments	954.50
Motor Vehicle Permits (1976)	<u>9,495.80</u>
 Total Current Revenue Receipts	 \$278,841.26
 Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:	
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	75,000.00
Insurance Adjustments	3,085.58
Refunds	276.72
Gifts	500.00
Withdrawals From Capital Reserve Funds	11,000.00
Sale of Town Property	50.00
Yield Tax Security Deposits	2,888.84
Grants from U.S.A.	
Revenue Sharing	4,318.00
Interest on Investments of Revenue Sharing Funds	1,471.85
Recreation Grants — B.O.R. Ball Field	1,385.22
All Other Grants From U.S.A.	
(Flood Disaster)	<u>5,397.00</u>
 Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue	 \$105,373.21
 Total Receipts From All Sources	 \$384,214.47
Cash on hand January 1, 1976	<u>\$ 58,984.44</u>
 Grand Total	 \$443,198.91

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	4,240.25
Town Officers' Expenses	4,328.11
Election and Registration Expenses	427.37
Expenses Town Hall And Other Town Buildings	1,542.06

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	2,083.95
Fire Department, Including Forest Fires	3,000.00
Planning and Zoning	229.82
Insurance	3,015.45
Civil Defense	981.24

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Health:

Health Department, Including	
Hospitals & Ambulance	711.25
Town Dumps and Garbage Removal	2,289.00

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	862.70
Town Maintenance (Sum.-Win.)	39,240.33
Street Lighting	579.60
General Expenses of Highway Department	8,438.67

Libraries:

Libraries	1,400.00
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Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	682.92
Town Poor	97.18

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day, Veteran's Associations	
And Old Home Day	450.00

Recreation:

Parks and Playgrounds,	
Including Band Concerts	59.30

Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries, Including Hearse Hire	924.15
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Unclassified:

Damages and Legal Expenses	80.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	391.00
Taxes Bought by Town	10,044.05
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	196.35
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	1,115.67

Total Current Maintenance Expenses \$ 87,410.41

Debt Service:

Interest on Debt:

Paid on Tax Anticipation Notes	1,974.94
Paid on Long Term Notes	467.00

Total Interest Payments \$ 2,441.94

Principal of Debt:

Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	75,000.00
Payments on Long Term Notes	2,500.00

Total Principal Payments \$ 77,500.00

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Capital Outlay:

New Equipment (Highway)	10,150.00
Payments to Capital Reserve Funds	4,000.00

Total Outlay Payments	\$ 14,150.00
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

Payments to State a-c 2% Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	114.03
Taxes paid to County	14,644.82
Payments to School Districts	167,919.83

Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	\$182,678.68
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Total Payments for all Purposes	\$364,181.03
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Cash on hand December 31, 1975	\$ 79,017.78
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Grand Total	\$443,198.81
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SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Long Term Notes Outstanding:

Loader Note	2967.00
Total Long Term Notes Outstanding	\$ 2,967.00
Total Long Term Indebtedness	\$ 2,967.00

TOWN OF WILMOT

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land	\$1,855,395.00
Buildings	4,085,145.00
Public Utilities (Electric)	135,500.00
House Trailers, (17)	41,400.00
Total Valuation Before Exemptions Allowed	\$6,117,440.00
Elderly Exemptions (14)	39,200.00
Total Exemptions	\$39,200.00
Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed	\$6,078,240.00

ACREAGES & ASSESSMENTS

The following is required to be completed and utilized in conjunction with the Summary Inventory of Valuation prior to the computation of the 1975 tax rate.

1. Total of all land valuation, improved and unimproved land (RSA 75:11), **before** application of Current Use. \$1,943,415.00

Itemization of Qualifying Current Use, Acreages & Assessments

Land Categories	A	B	C
	No. of Acres	Assessed Value RSA 75:1	Current Use Val Chapter 372 Laws of 1973
Permanent Pasture	86	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,510.00
Forage Crops	36	3,600.00	45,410.00
Forest Lands	2,466	120,630.00	39,250.00
Wetlands	32	1,400.00	320.00
Inactive Farm Land	50	3,300.00	1,300.00
Totals	2,670	\$133,430.00	\$ 45,410.00

2. Subtract the total of Column C from the total of Column B and enter the difference here. \$ 88,020.00
3. Subtract Line 2 from Line 1 and enter the difference here \$1,855,395.00

Number of Property Owners who applied for Current Use in 1975 and the aggregate total number of acres for which application was made.	No. of Property Owners	No. of Acres
Number of Property Owners who were granted Current Use Exemption in 1975 and total number of acres exempted.	10	2670
	10	2670

TOWN OF WILMOT

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

January 1, 1975 to December 31, 1975

Dogs Licensed:

60 Males at \$2.00	\$120.00
15 Females at \$5.00	75.00
51 Spayed Females at \$2.00	102.00
1 Kennel, 5 dogs at \$12.00	<u>12.00</u>
	\$309.00
18 Penalties at \$1.00	<u>18.00</u>
	\$327.00
Less Commission	
131 Dogs at 20c each	<u>26.20</u>

Remitted to Town Treasurer

\$300.80

Vital Statistics:

Births	12
Deaths	8
Marriages	<u>9</u>
	29

29 Recorded at 50c each

\$14.00

Motor Vehicle Permits:

Received	
1974	\$ 129.90
1975	<u>9,365.90</u>
Total	\$9,495.80

Respectfully submitted
LEWIS W. LOOMER
Town Clerk

TOWN OF WILMOT

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

As of December 31, 1975

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$20,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	6,600.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	18,000.00
Equipment	24,500.00
Parks, Commons & Playgrounds	1,000.00
Fulton Mining Rights	1,100.00
Kimball Mining Rights	550.00
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TOTAL	\$73,250.00

TOWN OF WILMOT

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES**

LEVY OF 1975

-DR.-

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$216,366.64
Resident Taxes	3,430.00

Total Warrants	\$219,796.64
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Yield Taxes

	1,661.98
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Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$ 568.80
Resident Taxes	20.00

	588.80
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Interest Collected on Delinquent

Property Taxes	36.10
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	12.00

Total Debits	\$222,095.52
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Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$166,690.99
Resident Taxes	2,000.00
Yield Taxes	1,601.98
Interest Collected	36.10
Penalties on Resident Taxes	12.00

	\$170,341.07
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Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 118.40
	118.40

Uncollected Taxes-December 31, 1975:

(As Per Collector's List)	
Property Taxes	\$ 50,126.05
Resident Taxes	1,450.00
Yield Taxes	60.00

	51,636.05
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Total Credits	\$222,095.52
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TOWN OF WILMOT

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YEILD TAXES**

LEVY OF 1974

-DR.-

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1975:

Property Taxes	\$ 51,181.05
Resident Taxes	1,260.00
Yield Tax	183.52

\$ 52,624.57

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$ 170.52
Resident Taxes	110.00

280.52

Overpayments:

Interest Collected on Delinquent Property

Taxes	2,302.18
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	76.00

\$ 55,283.27

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Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year

Ended December 31, 1975:

Property Taxes	\$ 51,240.17
Resident Taxes	780.00
Yield Taxes	149.35
Interest Collected During Year	2,302.18
Penalties on Resident Taxes	76.00

\$ 54,547.70

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 111.36
Resident Taxes	120.00

231.36

Uncollected Taxes-December 31, 1975:

(As Per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	\$.04
Resident Taxes	470.00
Yield Taxes	34.17

504.21

Total Credits

\$ 55,283.27

TOWN OF WILMOT

**SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1975**

-DR.-

Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:

	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970
(a) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes of January 1, 1975		\$5,866.19	\$1,937.61	\$251.86	\$46.26
(b) Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	10,397.78				
Interest Collected After sale	<u>4.72</u>	93.02	213.85	55.00	
Total Debits	<u>\$10,402.50</u>	\$5,959.21	\$2,151.46	\$306.85	\$46.26

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Remittances to Treasurer

During Year:

Redemptions	\$2,158.74	\$1,510.67	\$807.86	\$197.41
Interest & costs After Sale	4.72	93.02	213.85	55.00

Unredeemed Taxes:

December 31, 1975	<u>8,239.04</u>	4,355.82	1,129.75	54.44	<u>46.26</u>
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Total Credits	<u>\$10,402.50</u>	\$5,959.21	\$2,151.46	\$306.85	\$46.26
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(a) **“Balance of Unredeemed Taxes - January 1, 1975:”**

Should include balances of Unredeemed Taxes, as of beginning of fiscal year - January 1, 1975 from Tax Sales of **Previous** years.

(b) **“Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year:”**

Tax Sales held during fiscal year ending December 31, 1975, should include total amount of taxes, interest and costs to date of sale.

NOTE: **TOTAL DEBITS** and **TOTAL CREDITS** should agree.

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UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES
DECEMBER 31, 1975

	Levies of				
	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970
Atkinson-Davis Corp.	\$ 123.16	\$ 116.90			
Same for	77.33	73.59			
Bean, Ralph L.			408.44		
Brennan, Stephen/Mary	(bal.) 2.60				
Brooks, Catherine	568.77				
Browder, Margaret	2,201.50	1,409.07	(bal.)		
Brownell, Teri L./Sandi	297.52				
Crane, Mabel	214.15				
DiStasio, Donna C.	119.68				
Lee, Robert E./Marilyn	563.21	534.95	526.37		
Lorden, David G.	bal. 356.31				
Lyman, Donald/Elizabeth M.	787.93	664.90	(bal.)		
McVeigh, Cathie	477.77				
Moreno, John		(bal.) 247.96			
Morse, John P.	59.95				
Ostrow, Leonard/Nancy	244.55				
Randlett, Beulah C.	167.62	225.95			
Reidco, Inc.	76.62	72.95	71.93		
Sholes, David	(bal.) 347.89				
Smith, Harry	76.62	72.95	71.93		
Szilagyi, Joseph, Jr./Janet					
	(bal.) 51.05				
Trombley, Gerald W./Marion	635.80	603.35			
Vaughn, Eugene/Celinia	271.81	258.01			
Warren Mfg. Co.	78.36	74.94			
Weatherbee, Julian			51.08	54.44	46.26
Woodward Heirs, Sumner	264.17				
Same for	17.93				
Younker, C. Edward, Jr./					
Donna L.	(bal.) 156.74				
			\$8,239.04	\$4,355.52	\$1,129.75
				\$54.44	\$46.26

TOWN OF WILMOT

ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE MARCH 4, 1975

TOWN MEETING — Attendance 105

1. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing:

ACTION: With a checklist of 320 voters, there were 145 ballots cast. Ernest M. Patten elected Selectman for three years. Clifford Robichaud elected Trustee of Trust Funds for three years. Margaret D. Loomer elected Overseer of Public Welfare for one year. Alexander T. Guy elected Auditor for one year. Henry L. Patten elected Road Agent for one year. Phyllis Robichaud elected Library Trustee for three years. Florence Langley, Edith Locklin and Mary Jane Schoeler elected Cemetery Trustees for one year.

2. To see if the Town is in favor of adopting an Amendment to the existing Wilmot Planning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board.

ACTION: To change the last sentence of Article II, Section XI, Page 3 from "Sufficient adjoining land shall not be developed for residential or business purposes to equal at least one acre per dwelling unit in District A and one-half acre per dwelling unit in District B" to read "two acres per dwelling unit in District A and one acre per dwelling unit in District B." This change necessary in order to make Section XI consistent with the provisions of Section X of Article II. Vote: Affirmative.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation for same.

ACTION: Each proposed expenditure was explained. An increase of \$200 was voted for Patriotic Purposes. Total amended budget \$28,119.70.

Vote: Affirmative

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes and to negotiate the extension or renewal of the notes securing such loans when it is necessary.

Vote: Affirmative

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$711.25 for the Kearsarge Visiting Nurse Association.

Vote: Affirmative.

6. (Requested) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the Wilmot Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Vote: Affirmative.

7. (Requested) To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the New London Hospital.

ACTION: \$700 raised and appropriated.

8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell any material or equipment deemed to be surplus to the Town needs; the sale of highway

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material or equipment to be made with the approval of the Road Agent.
Vote: Affirmative.

9. To see if the Town will vote to be a member of the regional planning commission, organized and named the Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council, and to appropriate the sum of \$391.00 as the Town's share of the annual operating expenses of the regional planning commission to be used in conjunction with other state and federal funds available for planning purposes.

Vote: Affirmative.

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for the disposal of refuse in the amount of \$9,109.00 and deposited in a Special Account. Public hearings and public approval to be made before spending any of the funds.

ACTION: The words "for the disposal of refuse" were deleted and with this change the vote was affirmative.

11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from the Revenue Sharing Account to be expended for solid waste disposal.
ACTION: Withdraw from the Revenue Sharing Account the sum of \$3,000.

12. (Requested) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,535.00 for the support of the New London Ambulance Service.
ACTION: Indefinitely postponed.

13. To see if the Town will vote to establish a conservation commission under the provisions of RSA 36-A, and that the selectmen shall appoint, within 30 days, 3 to 7 members to said commission also designating, for the purpose of calling the first meeting, a temporary chairman.

ACTION: Tabled indefinitely.

14. To see if the Town will vote to have the Cemetery Commissioners elected for one, two and three year terms beginning with 1976.

ACTION: Amended to strike out the words "beginning with 1976" and adding the words "in 1976, and thereafter elect one annually for a three year term." Voted as amended.

15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for reconstruction of the Eagle Pond Bridge.

ACTION: Withdraw from the Capital Reserve fund for Bridges the sum of \$11,000.

16. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ACTION: A discussion regarding the Flat school building ensued and it was decided to call a special meeting for this purpose.

After the counting of the ballots, the meeting formally adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:

John H. Morse, Selectman	600.00
Earle W. Chandler, Selectman	600.00
Ernest M. Patten, Selectman	600.00
Annette E. Stevens, Tax Collector	600.00
Arthur E. Thompson, Treasurer	300.00
Lewis W. Loomer, Town Clerk	300.00
Walter W. Walker, Health Officer	125.00
Margaret D. Loomer, Overseer Public Welfare	50.00
Patricia E. Fleury, Treas. Trust Funds	50.00
Alexander T. Guy, Auditor	50.00
	3,275.00

Town Officers' Credits:

Lewis W. Loomer,	650.10
Annette E. Stevens	315.15
	965.25

Town Officers' Expenses:

Gerald F. Rayno, Selectman	138.00
John H. Morse, Selectman	742.44
Earle W. Chandler, Selectman	842.50
Ernest M. Patten, Selectman	493.45
Walter Walker, Health Officer	15.89
Lewis W. Loomer, Town Clerk, 1974	12.29
Lewis W. Loomer, Town Clerk, 1975	57.54
Annette E. Stevens, Tax Collector	90.00
Arthur E. Thompson, Treasurer	5.85
Alice R. Chandler, Bookkeeper	285.00
N.H. City & Town Clerks Assoc., dues	20.00
N.H. Tax Collectors Assoc., dues	10.00
N.H. Assoc. of Assessing Officers	10.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, stationery & supplies	173.96
Postmaster, Wilmot Flat, postage	197.90
Elkins Press, Town reports	948.00
Country Press, stationery	13.00
Registry of Probate	.60
Registry of Deeds	5.50
Argus Champion, ads	39.53
Monitor Publishing Co., ads	7.50
N.H. Star, ads	184.42

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Treas., State of N.H., map prints	11.66
Treas., State of N.H., assessing manual	20.00
Treas., State of N.H., boat reports	<u>3.08</u>
	4,328.11

Election and Registration:

Albert Locklin, Supervisor of Checklist	44.00
Ralph Stevens, Supervisor of Checklist	44.00
John French, Supervisor of Checklist	64.00
John French, Supervisor's expenses	20.70
Barbara Sanborn, ballot clerk	43.00
Irene LeVarn, ballot clerk	43.00
Leona Stewart, ballot clerk	25.00
Maurice Langley, ballot clerk	43.00
Mildred Howard, ballot clerk	18.00
Branham Publishing	8.95
Country Press, ballots	52.50
Brown & Saltmarsh	<u>21.22</u>
	427.37

Town Hall and Other Buildings:

N.H. Electric Cooperative	236.17
George Roberts, Electrical Work	428.03
Walter Walker, installing bulletin board	15.75
Eugene Amadio, Janitor	645.75
Mt. View Fuel	32.24
R.P. Johnson, supplies	14.25
Thornley's Shopping Center	8.26
Chas A. Carr Co. Inc., fuel	34.58
E. J. Keegan, glass & shovels	30.99
New London Fuel Co.	<u>96.04</u>
	1,542.06

Police Department:

Robert Jones, Chief, wages	1,595.75
Robert Jones, Chief, mileage	238.20
Town of New London, dispatch	<u>250.00</u>
	2,083.95

Fire Department:

Wilmot Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.	3,000.00
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Insurance:

Northeast Business Group, Highway	
Dept. health insurance	80.45
Colby Insurance, Town officer bonds	247.00
McCrillis & Eldredge Insurance:	
Workmen's compensation	895.00
Wilmot Flat school	342.00
Townhall, furniture & fixtures	305.00
Libraries	231.00
Dump truck	583.00
Grader & Loader	189.00
General Liability	143.00
	<u>3,015.45</u>

Civil Defense:

Concord Camera Store	731.24
Wilmot Volunteer Fire Company	<u>250.00</u>
	981.24

Planning Board:

Union Leader, ads	59.32
Monitor Publishing, ads	24.39
Barbara Sanborn, wages	120.00
Barbara Sanborn, postage	11.10
John Bickford	15.00
	<u>229.81</u>

Health Dept. including Hospitals:

Kearsarge Visiting Nurse Assoc.	711.25
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Town Dump:

Russell Jewell, dozer	215.00
Robert Jones, rent	600.00
Archie Portique, wages	<u>1,474.00</u>
	2,289.00

Highway Department:

Highway Subsidy:

Henry Patten, wages	3,182.97
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Donald Bliss, wages	2,189.25
Kenneth Clarke, truck & loader	1,522.25
Ernest Patten, wages	33.00
Wilbur Brownell, gravel	801.63
Chadwick BaRoss	516.32
Shepard Auto Supply	3.38
Thornley's Shopping Center	15.40
Russell Jewell, equipment	420.00
J. Dale MacLeod, truck	204.60
Town of Andover, grader	164.25
N.H. Bituminous	932.90
S. Y Meding Enterprises, oak logs	822.51
	10,808.46
T.R.A.:	
State of New Hampshire	862.70
Summer Maintenance:	
Henry Patten, wages	2,936.23
Donald Bliss, wages	2,376.50
Donald Bliss, dozer	19.90
Kenneth Clarke, wages	81.00
Roberts Lumber	28.80
Kidder Garage, gasoline	910.12
F.C. Hammond & Son, lumber	126.00
Gerald Moulton, mowing	97.50
R.P. Johnson, supplies	52.00
Cote & Reny, plank	220.00
Dean Wilber's Inc.	21.31
Brownell, gravel	377.22
N.H. Bituminous	5,374.90
Roger Remack, Jr., trucking	45.00
	12,666.48

Winter Maintenance:

Henry Patten, wages	5,120.30
Donald Bliss, wages	3,925.25
Ernest Patten, wages	623.00
Kenneth Clarke, wages & truck	1,356.60
Henry Stevens, plowing	270.00
Liquid Carbonic	5.09
International Salt	613.28
Chadwick BaRoss	83.03

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Cargill Inc.	626.40
Spears Garage	23.83
Junction Gulf Services	21.81
New London Hospital	46.00
Panbro Sales	953.70
Kidder Garage, fuel	1,264.40
R.P. Johnson, supplies	17.40
W. Brownell, sand	443.10
Gordon Ordway, gravel	11.25
Alvin Currier, backhoe	288.00
Thornley's Shopping Center	5.20
Max Cohen	67.75
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	15,765.39
General Highway:	
N.H. Electric Cooperative	55.95
Kearsarge Telephone, garage phone	210.29
Sanel Auto Parts	956.92
Ross Express	4.85
Firestone Stores	406.12
Junction Gulf Services	3.82
Liquid Carbonic	18.94
Kidder Garage	3,224.03
Clayton A. Miller Inc.	29.75
Palmer Spring	76.87
Chadwick BaRoss Inc.	851.27
Chuck's Auto Service, loader repair	1,220.00
R.P. Johnson	3.39
Panbro Sales	103.18
Spears Garage	16.50
F.C. Hammond & Son, lumber	900.00
Thornleys Shopping Center	4.40
Treas. State of N.H., signs	22.00
Kibby Equipment	26.80
Brake & Electric Sales Corp.	127.72
Barrett Equipment	175.87
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	8,438.67
Street Lighting:	
N.H. Electric Coop.	579.60
Libraries:	
Wilmot Public Library	1,400.00

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Old Age Assistance:

State of New Hampshire	682.92
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Town Poor:

N.H. Electric Coop.	46.79
Cricenti's Market	<u>50.39</u>
	97.18

Memorial Day & Other Patriotic Purposes:

H. A. Holt & Sons, flags	53.50
Duane Squires, speaker Memorial Day	20.00
Alfred Schoeler	3.40
Mildred Howard, Old Home Day	150.00
Genevieve Madden, Bicentennial exp.	3.00
Proctor Academy, Bicentennial exp.	14.25
Treas. BiCentennial Committee	<u>205.85</u>
	450.00

Recreation, Parks & Playgrounds:

N.H. Electric Coop.	9.30
Richard Bacon	<u>50.00</u>
	59.30

Cemeteries:

Ethel Portique, mowing	75.50
Joyce Rand, mowing	276.00
Joan Baker, mowing	276.39
Marjorie Tilton, mowing	99.01
Allen Rand, mowing	30.25
Lawrence Rowe	37.00
Perry's Granite Memorials	<u>130.00</u>
	924.15

Damages and Legal Expenses, Inc. Dog Damage:

Pleasant Lake Veterinary Clinic	80.00
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Advertising & Regional Associations:

Upper Valley, Lake Sunapee Council	391.00
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Taxes bought by Town:	10,044.05
Discounts, abatements, Refunds:	
Governor's Com. on Crime & Delinquency	186.35
Cynthia Lamson, refund	<u>10.00</u>
	196.35
Transfer of Funds:	
Treas. Town of Wilmot, revenue sharing funds	2,717.33
Interest:	
Suncook Bank, loader note	178.02
New London Trust Co., temp. loan	<u>1,796.92</u>
	1,974.94
Land, Buildings, New Equipment:	
Spears Garage, truck & tires	10,150.00
Retirement & Social Security:	
Treas. State of N.H. FICA tax	1,115.67
Temporary Loans:	
New London Trust Company	75,000.00
Bonds, Notes, Capital Reserve:	
Suncook Bank, loader note	2,967.00
Treas. Trustee of Trust Funds	<u>4,000.00</u>
	\$ 6,967.00
Payments to State, County:	
State of N.H., bond & debt retirement	114.03
Merrimack County, county tax	<u>14,644.82</u>
	14,758.85
School District:	
Kearsarge Regional School District	<u>167,919.83</u>
GRAND TOTAL PAYMENTS 1975	
	366,898.36

TOWN OF WILMOT

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1975	\$ 39,774.69
Wilmot Tax Collector Levy of 1975	
Property Taxes	167,141.73
Interest	33.47
Yield Taxes	1,575.87
Resident Taxes	1,970.00
Resident Tax Penalties	<u>12.00</u>
 Total of 1974	 \$170,733.07
Levy of 1974	
Property Taxes	50,891.59
Interest	2,331.94
Resident Taxes	780.00
Resident Tax Penalties	76.00
Yield Taxes	149.35
Redemptions	<u>1,645.61</u>
 Total of 1974	 \$ 55,874.49
Levy of 1973	
Redemptions	2,048.36
Levy of 1972	
Redemptions	1,021.71
Levy of 1971	
Redemptions	<u>252.41</u>
 Total from Tax Collector	 \$229,930.04
The New London Trust Company	
Temporary Loan in Anticipation of Taxes	\$ 75,000.00
Wilmot Town Clerk	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	9,495.80
Filing Fees for Town Offices	5.00
Dog Licenses	<u>300.80</u>
 Total from Town Clerk	 \$ 9,801.60
N. H. State Treasurer	
Federal-State Disaster Assistance	
Agreement dated July 11, 1973	5,397.00
1974 Reimbursement a/c	
State and Federal Forest	
Reserve Lands	808.99
Refund of Ball Field Expense	1,385.22
Maintenance Class V Highways	6,075.22
1975 Bank Tax	925.77
1975 Interest and Dividends Tax	5,822.88
Town Road Aid	<u>2,825.85</u>

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Meals and Rooms Tax for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1975	3,590.33
1975 Reimbursement a/c State Owned Recreational Lands	463.68
1975 Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Forest Land	918.00
Business Profits Tax	1,300.40
Highway Subsidy to Cities and Towns	10,808.46
Payment from the Department of Public Works and Highways for Rental and Operator for 10 hours at \$18.25 an hour on Thursday July 3, 1975 in Andover, N. H.	<u>182.50</u>
 Total from State Treasurer	 \$ 40,504.30
Wilmot Selectmen	
Yield Tax Deposit	2,688.84
Permits to Carry Pistols	12.00
Oiling Driveways	772.00
Building Permit Fees	47.00
Rent of Town Hall	105.00
Junk Yard Permit (Harrison Hunt)	25.00
Sub-Division Fees	<u>30.00</u>
 Total from Selectmen	 \$ 3,679.84
Wilmot Community Association	
Beano License	120.00
Wilmot, N. H. Trustees of Trust Funds	
Highway and Bridge Fund	11,000.00
Camp Wilmot	
Gift	500.00
Wilmot, N. H. Town Treasurer	
Transfer of Town of Wilmot, N. H.	
Checking account from The Suncook Bank to The New London Trust Co.	2,717.33
McCrillis & Eldredge Insurance Inc.	
Audit under Workmen's Compensation for Period January 1, 1974 to Jan. 1, 1975	96.00
Payment of Damage to Michigan Bucket Loader	<u>2,974.58</u>
 Total from McCrillis & Eldredge	 \$ 3,070.58
Oliver N. Wilcox	
Sale of 4 Burial Lots in Bunker Hill Cemetery	50.00
Town of Danbury, N. H.	
Interest and Dividends Tax (Sent by State to Danbury by Error)	3,910.82

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Cargill Inc.		
Refund to Town Order 3916		276.72
New Hampshire Civil Defense Agency		
Payment for 16MM Projector and Screen		365.62
Robert E. Downing		
Timber Tax Bond		200.00
Concord, N. H. General Mutual		
Insurance Company		
In Settlement of Bill for Copy of		
Police Report on Arthur Rollins Accident		10.00
Maine Bonding and Casualty Company		
Copy of Police Report in connection		
with theft of plywood owned by		
Gerald C. Englishmen		
of Old Route 11, Wilmot Flat, N. H.		<u>5.00</u>
Total of Balance and Receipts		\$420,916.54
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid		<u>\$366,898.36</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1975		\$ 54,018.18

ARTHUR E. THOMPSON
Wilmot Town Treasurer

Audited January 27, 1976
ALEXANDER T. GUY
Auditor - Town of Wilmot

STATEMENT OF REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

In Bank Book No. 61845 in		
Franklin, N. H. Savings Bank		
Received and Deposited during 1975		4,318.00
Interest Received during 1975		1,186.76
On hand January 1, 1975		<u>19,494.84</u>
Total Available Funds		
On December 31, 1975		\$ 24,999.60

ARTHUR E. THOMPSON
Wilmot, N. H. Town Treasurer

We have examined the accounts and records of the Revenue Sharing Fund of the Town of Wilmot, N. H. for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1975

In our opinion the above statement of the Revenue Sharing Fund presents fairly the status of the Revenue Sharing Funds of the Town of Wilmot, N. H. for the year ending December 31, 1975.

ALEXANDER T. GUY
Auditor
Town of Wilmot, N. H. 1975-76

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REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

This has been a busy year for the library. We have tried to have people of all ages come into the library and acquaint them with the services that the library has to offer them. Several programs have been held at the Center Library during the year.

Our largest attendance was for the program, "A Night With Tomie DePaolo For Children of All Ages." With approximately fifty people present, Mr. DePaola told of his early training and how a book is printed. He read passages from several of his books. At the conclusion of the program he sketched Strega Nona, the leading character of his most recent book and gave the autographed picture to the children of Wilmot. Mrs. O. Wilcox has had the picture framed and it will be shared by the Center and Flat Libraries. Look for it!

Several "Share-a-Book Nights" have been held. We have given a short synopsis of recent books purchased by the library. People have joined our group to tell of a book that they have enjoyed. The books have included fiction, non fiction, biographies and travel. Several young adults have reviewed books with the group.

One program that is always outstanding because of the generosity of the Peter Allen family is the Spooky Hour held at the Center Library at Halloween time. They have been doing this for several years and the children look forward to it.

Film programs continue to be a very popular service. We had our annual program for the Pairs and Spares with a related book display. Carol MacDonald showed films to a group in the Wilmot Community Summer Program. During "National Library Week," films were shown at the Wilmot Community Center and the Center Library. Last spring a film was shown at the Town Hall with a book display. We hope this year to be able to show film to pre-schoolers.

There are numerous book services that we can offer you. We have our own book collection and those we borrow from the State Bookmobile that visits us regularly. Librarians issue State Library Cards when you have fulfilled our local requirements, (namely to be a user of our library in good standing). With this card you may borrow books from any library using the State Library books. Any book that you desire, that we don't have the librarian will get it for you from the State Library. We have records, large print books and we can get a talking book machine for you. It is interesting to note that with the help of the State Library books we have circulated 4,722 books (1807 adult non fiction, 1296 adult fiction and 1,619 juvenile.)

Our library staff has changed. We were very sorry to have Marion Allen leave us to join the Colby Sawyer staff. Mary Jane Schoeler joined us in March at the Center Library. It was required that Mrs. Schoeler take an extension course in order for us to continue the State Library services. She attended the University of N.H. in July. One of her many ideas is a rack of paperback books in the entrance of the Center Library.

The Center Library had a wall clock given in loving memory of Edith Campbell by her many local friends. Mrs. Campbell served many years as the

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Center Librarian.

Our library trustees were hostesses for refreshments served at the Center Library to the Kearsarge Regional School Band when they held their monthly meeting at the Wilmot Town Hall.

We have many plans for the future — the most important being the formation of a Friends of the Library group. It is already in the planning stage under the direction of Mrs. O. Wilcox. There is a definite need for such a group.

Our bit of bicentennial activity will be to beautify the outside of the Center Library with flowers and shrubs.

There are always so many people to thank for helping us and the following are but a few — to all those that gave food and books to make our annual Food Bake Sale successful, the Wilmot Community Center for the use of one of their rooms for our Wilmot Flat Library, Edith Payson and R. Berkey for cataloging, Mr. Robertson for showing films, all givers of memorial books, Tomie DePaolo for his program and pictures, Mrs. Cave, Mrs. Wilcox for her interest in the library and the librarians for their continued service.

THELMA MINARD
PHYLLIS ROBICHAUD
JUDITH WALKER
Trustees

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE WILMOT PUBLIC LIBRARY For the Year Ending December 31, 1975

Receipts

Balance on hand	\$ 270.76
Town appropriation	1,400.00
Book fines	9.40
Gifts	12.50
Thelma Minard-for book purchases	5.74
Mary-Jane Schoeler-book purchases	19.95
Food and book sale	161.00
National Geographic overpayment	2.75
Bank interest	2.36
	\$1,884.46

Expenditures

Wilmot Center Library

Mary-Jane Schoeler, lib.	
\$150.00 less tax \$8.78	\$ 141.22
Mary-Jane Schoeler-misc. exp.	9.18

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Kidder Garage, Inc. - oil	214.34
N. H. Electric	66.67
Clayton A. Miller, Inc.-furnace service calls, connecting and draining water, parts	76.91
N. L. Hardware - fluorescent bulbs	15.21

Flat Branch Library

Margaret D. Loomer, lib.	\$ 94.15
\$100.00 less tax \$5.85	3.15
Margaret D. Loomer-misc. exp.	61.40
George Roberts - lighting fixture	82.52

Books

“Consumer Reports”, 3 yr. subs.	\$ 27.00
Publishers Central Bureau	98.92
Book-of-the-Month Club	43.74
Dimondstein Book Co.	194.68
Christian Herald Bookshelf	18.21
“Vt. Life”, 1 yr. subs.	3.50
“American Girl”, 18 issues	6.50
“N. H. Profiles”, 2 yr. subs.	20.00
“National Geographic”, 1 yr. subs.	8.50
National Geographic Society	33.75

Misc.

IRS - F. I. C. A. for 1974	\$ 29.25
Library of Congress - cat. cards	1.05
Film postage, envelopes, supplies	14.08
Children's Book Council - posters	4.50
Univ. of N. H. - registration and tuition for Mrs. Schoeler's summer course	110.00
Josten's-cat. & Book cards, book labels	22.90
The Country Press - posters & sale ad	34.25
Library Foundation of N. H. - gift in memory of Emil W. Allen, Jr.	10.00
Upstart - posters	<u>4.10</u>
	\$1,450.04

Balance on hand December 31, 1975

In checking acct.	\$ 384.02
In savings acct.	45.57
Cash on hand	4.83
	\$ 434.42

JUDITH S. WALKER, Treas.

TOWN OF WILMOT

REPORT TO TOWNS

Upon the recommendation of town selectmen and city councils, the Division of Forests and Lands appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy forest fire wardens in each town and city every three years. The town or city warden is responsible for maintaining a force of men and adequate equipment to suppress any wildfire that occurs in his town or city during his term of appointment. The fire warden must authorize all open burning when the ground is not covered with snow. No open fires can be authorized between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m., unless it is raining, without the additional permission of the state district fire chief.

Any person wishing to kindle an open fire when the ground is not covered with snow must first obtain the written permission of the forest fire warden. Camp and cooking fires also require the warden's permission.

The Division of Forests and Lands, through its Forest Fire Service, assists all cities and towns in meeting these requirements by training the warden and deputy forces in wildfire suppression tactics, making hand tool suppression equipment available at fifty percent of cost, supplying pieces of Federal excess property for use as fire attack vehicles and sharing up to fifty percent of the cost of wildfire suppression costs.

Wildfire prevention is also a joint state, city or town program. Smokey Bear is available from the Forest Fire Service for local fire prevention programs. Posters and Junior Ranger kits are available for distribution by local fire departments upon request to the Forest Fire Service. Each forest fire warden is expected to carry on a continuous wildfire prevention program within his town or city.

1975 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres
State	718	800
District	62	91.1
Town	0	0

GERALD S. GROSS
District Fire Chief

PAUL H. GROSS, SR.
Forest fire Warden, Wilmot

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REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Enrollment in the District as a whole (but not in Wilmot) continued to decline, with 51 fewer students in September than a year before. Presumably the economic recession and high cost of housing have stemmed the rapid growth in population of a few years past.

In March, the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges sent a team to evaluate our high school. Their findings are reported in the annual school report, but I am pleased to note that they found excellence. Kearsarge has been granted accreditation for the next ten years.

At this writing the budget is still being revised by the School Board. Salary negotiations with the teachers become more difficult and prolonged each year, and bargaining with them is not finished.

During the past year, the Board chose me to serve as its chairperson. In any event, I hope to see as many of you as are able to attend the annual School District meeting at 1:00 on Saturday, March 13, 1976, at the High School. The system works best when everyone concerned participates in voting on the budget and on whatever other items appear on the warrant.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER H. ALLEN, Wilmot's Representative
Kearsarge Regional School Board

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**COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS
BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.
Kearsarge Valley Neighborhood Center
Old Graded School Main Street
Warner, New Hampshire 456-3028**

The Annual Report of the Town of Wilmot, New Hampshire.

Since 1965, the Belknap-Merrimack Counties C.A.P., Inc. has served as a delivery system for services to elderly, low-income families and individuals of Wilmot through the Kearsarge Valley Neighborhood Center, which has been in existence since 1973.

Although funds for Community Action are generated in different ways, support for the Neighborhood Center is based primarily on local tax dollars. In essence, the Neighborhood Center is the basic framework on which the effective delivery of services is based.

The purpose of the Neighborhood Center is to present convenient and comprehensive help to low-income and other needy persons and to spur their efforts to better themselves and their environment.

During 1975, residents of Wilmot have participated in the following programs or have used these services in 1975:

1. Winterization Program	6. Family Planning
2. Emergency Fuel Loan	7. Operation Green Thumb
3. Employment Assistance (man-power progs.)	8. Information And Referral
4. Food Stamp Certification	9. Welfare Assistance
5. Transportation	10. Housing Assistance

Additional programs and services available to residents of Wilmot:

1. Housing Loan Assistance	5. Rural Transportation
2. Emergency Assistance (Transportation, food, clothing, housing)	6. Meals-on-Wheels
3. Legal Assistance & Referral	7. Summer Camps
4. Emergency Food Stamp Grants	8. Family Financial Counseling
	9. Family Planning

Through programs and services such as those listed, C.A.P. is providing the mechanism for people to find ways of opening economic opportunity for themselves: of raising the capacity of individuals to participate in the economic life of the country, it is also the task of C.A.P. to develop new programs that can be used to help solve social problems.

On behalf of all the Community Action staff, I would like to acknowledge the generous help and assistance given to Community Action by residents and town officials during 1975. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN P. CACCIA
Kearsarge Valley Area Director

RICK KNOWLAND
Community VISTA

TOWN OF WILMOT

WILMOT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. Wilmot, New Hampshire 03287

To The Townspeople of Wilmot, New Hampshire:

This is a Financial Report of the Wilmot Volunteer Fire Company Inc., including the Town of Wilmot 1975 Appropriation and money raised by the Members of the Fire Company in 1975.

During 1975 we joined the Town of New London Dispatch Center in March which has enabled the Fire Co. to improve our communications for reporting Fires and Mutual - Aid Calls. We now have telephones attached to this system in the homes of (16) Firemen. We purchased a new 2 Way Short Wave Radio for our base station in the Fire Station, installed a new radio tower and lead in cable for this radio. We also purchased a new 2 Way Short Wave Radio for our Rescue Wagon, installed loud speakers on the outside of our trucks which are connected to our radios. We purchased 250 feet of new 2½ inch hose, 3 portable hand lanterns, firemen's safety belts, 8 pair of asbestos gloves and several small pieces of fire fighting equipment.

We responded to 15 alarms in Wilmot in 1975, one was the Dontella home which was struck by lightning, a trailer fire and the balance of minor nature. No life was lost by these fires. We were called out for 3 Mutual-Aid fires, 1 the Gay fire in New London, 1 the Knox fire in Sutton. 20 fire drills were held by the Fire Co., in Wilmot. We attended a fire drill in Sutton, 2 drills in New London, 1 in Andover and 2 in the Kearsarge Mutual-Aid program. On Tuesday nights a mutual aid radio check with the 14 towns in the Mutual-Aid District, also we check our fire phones every Tuesday night. We took part in 4 Mutual Aid meetings 1 of which was held in Wilmot in December. We were the center of the Disaster Test which was held at the Wilmot Community Center in the spring which was conducted by the New London Hospital and the New London Disptach center , the town's Police and Fire Depts., and ambulances of New London and Andover.

The members of the Wilmot Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. wish to thank the Selectmen, Director of Civil Defense, Police Department and townspeople and every one who assisted in our various projects for their cooperation and assistance.

STANLEY RAYNO, Chief
Wilmot Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1975

Receipts:

Balance on Hand January 1, 1976	\$ 586.27
Town of Wilmot 1975 Appropriation	3,000.00
Money raised by the Wilmot Volunteer Fire Co. by Socials, Supper, Dances, Auction, Donations and etc.	2,781.07
Donation from Former Ladies Auxiliary (By Dorothy Evans Treasurer)	41.52
Interest from Savings Account	16.19
Donation Civil Defense for Equipment	<u>250.00</u>
 Total Receipts	 \$6,675.05

Expenditures:

Fire Station

Officers Salaries	\$ 110.00
Electricity	219.38
Fuel Oil	586.47
Telephones	390.20
New London Dispatch Center	225.00
Building & Equipment (Insurance)	155.00
Blanket Firemen's (Insurance)	252.00
Maintenance & Repairs	153.95
Supplies	129.64
Installation New Radio Tower	116.32
Franklin National Bank (Note Payment and Interest)	1,000.00
 Total Expenditures	 \$3,338.01

1956 Ford Pumper

Insurance	\$ 113.00
Maintenance & Repairs	92.51
Operating Cost	110.67
New Equipment	592.77
 Total Expenditures	 \$ 908.95

1952 Ford Tanker

Insurance	\$ 109.00
Maintenance & Repairs	55.14
Operating Cost	54.02
New Equipment	59.35
 Total Expenditures	 \$ 277.51

1952 G.M.C. 10 Wheel Tanker

Insurance	\$ 113.00
Maintenance & Repairs	98.45

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JOHN E. McFADDEN, Treasurer
Wilmot Volunteer Fire Company Inc.

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CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

The town cemeteries have received the usual summer care. Sunken graves in Bunker Hill and White Pond Cemeteries were filled in. Bushes at the lower end of Bunker Hill Cemetery were cut.

The trustees arranged with Mr. Perry of Perry's Granite Memorials to come to the Bunker Hill Cemetery to see the condition of the stones and to tell what he would recommend. As a very small beginning five stones were straightened, some of these requiring new cement foundations. The smaller tilted stones can be straightened more easily and quickly. A large expenditure would be necessary to reset all those stones which require new foundations. We recommend that some of this work be carried out each year.

Approximately fifteen flag holders in the Pine Hill Cemetery were stolen. These must be replaced before Memorial Day. Our recommendation is the purchase of plastic holders which would be of no interest to thieves. These closely resemble the bronze ones which were stolen.

The budget recommendations for cemetery maintenance and capital outlays for 1976 are as follows:

	Estimated Cost
A Mowing of cemeteries	\$950.00
B Straightening of headstones	200.00
C Flag holders	125.00
D Filling in of sunken graves	50.00
E Miscellaneous	<u>25.00</u>
Total estimated cost	\$1,350.00

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE Langley
MARY-JANE SCHOELER
EDITH LOCKLIN
Cemetery Trustees

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REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

During the year 1975 the Planning Board received and acted affirmatively on three subdivision applications. A fourth was initiated but not completed within the year.

Public Hearings were held on January 6 and February 7 in connection with the Board's recommendations for amendments to the Subdivision Regulations and the Planning Ordinance. The former dealt with a requirement for test pits and percolation tests. Since no objections were voiced the Board adopted these changes at its March meeting. The amendment to the Planning Ordinance covering the amount of land per dwelling unit in cluster developments was submitted to the voters at the Town Meeting and was approved.

During the year Board members attended public information meetings on the Parsons and Whittemore pulp mill, and meetings outlining the requirements of the Flood Insurance program. In connection with the latter and to comply with Federal Law, the Planning Board proposed three new paragraphs for the Subdivision Regulations governing land use, utilities and drainage. Public Hearings were held on August 26 and October 6. In the absence of any objections the Board voted to adopt these amendments at its November meeting. The hearings also covered a proposed new section of the Planning Ordinance relating to the issuance of building permits which will be submitted for vote at the Town Meeting.

State Law requires that the Planning Board prepare a Master Plan showing its recommendations for the desirable development of the Town. Since the Board acts only in accordance with the wishes of the voters, a questionnaire is being prepared for distribution early in 1976. It is hoped that all who receive it will respond and will give the Board the benefit of their comments.

We wish to acknowledge with thanks the assistance we have received throughout the year from the Upper Valley — Lake Sunapee Council in connection with the Flood Insurance Program and the preparation of the above mentioned questionnaire.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN C. MADDEN,
Chairman, Wilmot Planning Board

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KEARSARGE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REPORT

NURSE'S REPORT — December 31, 1975

Community health nursing is more than nursing in a setting other than the hospital. It is a unique blend of nursing and medical services woven together to best serve the people in their usual environments of home, school and work. The agency staff has been reorganized and increased to include 1 full-time RN, 3 part-time RNs, 1 physical therapist, 1 occupational therapist, 1 speech therapist and 2 homemaker-home health aides. Expanded services include use of food bank and emergency fund, increased TB testing and follow-up, and the homemaker-home health aide program.

Towns served:

Andover, Bradford, Danbury, New London, Springfield, Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot.

Services provided:

Skilled nursing care

Physical therapy

Occupational therapy

Speech therapy

Homemaker-Home health aides (designed to meet the needs of the elderly population. Assists with personal care, meal planning, light housework, etc., under supervision of R.N.)

Referrals:

Received from various sources: patient, family, friend, hospital, physician, welfare, police, churches and other organizations.

Anyone can make a referral.

All referrals are welcomed and highly confidential.

Fee:

These services are provided regardless of ability to pay. The KVNA is supported through town appropriations, fees collected, Medicare, insurances and contributions.

Total visits — 1032 Total mileage — 11,904

Visits to your town 83

Your town resident population 6/30/75 579 assessed at \$1.25 per capita
\$723.75

Skilled nursing care visits — 498 (includes care of catheters, colostomies, dressings, blood pressure check, injections, etc.) Therapy visits — 62.

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Nursing intervention and prevention visits — 375 (includes preventive testing, health guidance and support, counseling, teaching) No charge to patient.

Future Goals:

1. To increase patient visits per town.
2. To offer immunization clinics every 2 months.
3. To grow in the area of maternal-child health through well-child conferences and prenatal classes.
4. To develop mental health follow-up care.
5. To further coordination between school nurse and KVNA.

We thank you for your support through appropriations, contributions and also the donations of food, clothing and medical equipment.

People are the purpose for which community health nursing exists. It is only through **your** action as patients, health workers, taxpayers, legislators, family members, and citizens that we can continue to provide high quality professional services.

MRS. TANYA WILKIE, R.N.
Supervisor

TOTAL OPERATING COSTS

Salary Costs	'75 Budget	'75 Actual	'76 Budget
Registered Nurses	12,900	13,407	15,550
Administrator (new) and Clerical Staff	3,400	6,828	8,250
FICA taxes	1,050	1,180	1,700
Other (Unemp. Comp.)	250	365	550
Subtotal		21,780	26,050

Transportation Costs

Auto allowance — nursing staff (12,000mi/yr.)	1,800	1,578	1,800
Auto allowance — administrative (2,000 mi/yr.)		223	300
Subtotal		1,801	2,100

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Purchased Services

Physical Therapy	1,500	855	750
Physical Therapy Mileage	250	227	250
Speech Therapy			
Occupational Therapy		50	50
		1,132	1,050
Subtotal			

Medical Supplies

Medical Supplies	350	316	250
Space and Occupancy Costs [rent]	—	—	—

Office Costs

Stationery, supplies, postage, etc.	300	574	500
Telephone	400	558	500
Subtotal		1,132	1,000

Other General Costs

Depreciation	100	182	150
Dues/Subscriptions	250	48	300
Legal & Accounting Fees	200	225	200
Inservice & Staff Educ.	300	668	500
Insurance	600	551	550
Other: Advt.	50	180	50
Staff Physicals	100	175	—
Board Education Expense	50	22	50
Subtotal		2,051	1,800
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS		\$28,212	\$32,250

Wide variances in actual expenditures from proposed 1975 budget items due to unforeseen changes in and additions to staff. Increased staff partly due to Medicare requirements.

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SUMMARY OF REVENUE

	'75 Budget	'75 Actual	'76 Budget
Revenue from Services			
Skilled Nursing Care (includes Physical Therapy, etc.)	7,200	6,330	9,000
Homemaker/Home Health Aide		1,415	2,000
Other Revenues			
Town Appropriations	10,225	10,238	10,625
Interest on Investment		330	750
Interest	900	1,009	500
Fund Drive	2,500	4,079	5,000
Sale of Supplies to Patients	250	56	100
Total Revenue		\$23,457	\$27,975
From Reserve Fund		\$4,755	\$4,275

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF WILMOT, N. H. DECEMBER 31, 1975

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Date of Creation	Name of Fund	Purpose of Creation	Am't. of Principal 1/1/75	Int. Bsl. 1/1/75	Int. Dur. Avg.	Int. Bsl. Avg.	Expenditure during Yr.	Int. Bsl. 12/31/75
Feb. 15 1895	Rebecca Cross	Bunker Hill Cem.	\$200.00	\$ 5.30	11.22	5.30	16.52	11.22
Nov. 1, 1849	Hannah L. Walker	No. Rd. Cem.	50.00	4.31	2.97	4.31		7.28
Mar. 15, 1907	Lucinda Felch	Pine Hill Cem.	100.00	91.40	10.46	91.40		96.86
Mar. 15, 1907	Sarah Baker	Pine Hill Cem.	100.00	105.19	11.22	105.19		111.41
Mar. 15, 1907	Herbert Parker	Pine Hill Cem.	25.00	31.27	3.08	31.27		31.35
Mar. 15, 1907	Eben Davis	Pine Hill Cem.	10.00	8.20	1.00	8.20		8.20
Sept. 9, 1907	Dennis Webster	Pine Hill Cem.	500.00	407.48	49.61	407.48		432.09
Sept. 7, 1907	Mary E. Webster	Church Cem.	100.00	123.92	12.24	123.92		128.16
Feb. 6, 1908	Francis E. Chase	Pine Hill Cem.	100.00	36.15	7.44	36.15		35.59
July 11, 1908	Mary B. Phelps	Pine Hill Cem.	100.00	136.90	12.95	136.90		142.85
Feb. 15, 1912	Henrietta H. Brown	Bunker Hill Cem.	50.00	3.08	2.90	3.08		5.98
Jan. 1, 1913	Charles Loverin	Pine Hill Cem.	50.00	51.21	5.53	51.21		51.74
Feb. 15, 1915	Dexter Perkins	White Pond Cem.	5.00	1.89	.38	1.89		2.27
May 17, 1915	Upton & Stevens	Bunker Hill Cem.	50.00	5.42	2.98	5.42		8.40
Oct. 10, 1918	Martha J. Kimball	Bunker Hill Cem.	200.00	135.53	11.67	135.53		25.20
Jan. 1, 1922	Fred O. Sibley	Pine Hill Cem.	20.00	2.46	1.23	2.46		3.69
Jan. 1, 1922	Nancy L. Dutton	No. Rd. Cem.	25.00	5.93	1.69	5.93		7.62
Jan. 15, 1923	M. D. Brown	Church Cem.	100.00	130.76	12.62	130.76		137.38
Jan. 1, 1923	James W. Flanders	Pine Hill Cem.	100.00	41.22	7.72	41.22		40.94
May 7, 1923	Mary J. Rand	No. Rd. Cem.	20.00	5.16	1.38	5.16		6.54
June 7, 1923	Horace Pedrick	Bunker Hill Cem.	50.00	5.46	3.03	5.46		8.49
Feb. 15, 1924	Anjuliette E. Beckford	Pine Hill Cem.	100.00	20.18	6.57	20.18		20.75
Dec. 9, 1925	John H. Greeley	No. Church Cem.	100.00	43.85	7.86	43.85		45.71

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*Mar. 12, 1929	212.30	790.22	*54.84	845.06
Sept. 1930	100.00	74.52	9.54	80.06
Jan. 1, 1931	100.00	87.78	10.27	93.05
Sept. 17, 1932	50.00	19.03	3.77	5.00
Mar. 26, 1936	500.00	38.84	29.46	17.80
Apr. 1, 1936	1,262.26	734.77	109.18	68.30
Dec. 22, 1936	200.00	106.49	16.76	843.95
Apr. 14, 1937	150.00	6.80	8.57	113.25
Apr. 14, 1937	50.00	6.34	3.08	15.37
*Apr. 14, 1937	50.00	20.73	*3.87	9.42
Dec. 12, 1938	100.00	3.53	5.66	24.60
Apr. 14, 1937	100.00	42.61	7.80	9.19
Apr. 14, 1937	100.00	9.20	5.97	45.41
Mar. 21, 1939	484.41	169.06	35.73	15.17
Mar. 21, 1939	484.41	39.19	28.63	204.79
Mar. 24, 1941	200.00	87.14	15.70	57.82
Oct. 31, 1942	200.00	193.44	25.51	82.84
Jan. 23, 1942	200.00	198.53	21.79	206.95
Jan. 29, 1944	1,000.00	47.88	80.42	8.00
Jan. 24, 1944	100.00	60.75	8.79	212.32
Aug. 7, 1945				541.30
				64.54
Mary Richards	300.00	10.97	17.00	27.97
Mary E. Richards	50.00	2.76	2.89	5.65
Mary E. Richards	50.00	2.64	2.88	5.52
Loren A. Sanders	500.00	295.64	43.50	309.14
Walter G. Jones	30.00	5.16	1.92	7.08
Maj. Stephen R. Swett	100.00	39.41	7.62	42.03

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Dec. 31, 1959	Town History	563.19	
Sept. 31, 1961	Lewis W. T. & Margaret D. Loomer	521.71	506.96
John and	Pine Hill Cem.	100.00	50.16
Sept. 11, 1962	Myrtle Newcomb	100.00	20.02
Sept. 28, 1962	Hannah Muzey	100.00	13.85
Sept. 1, 1963	Charles Trail	100.00	21.08
May 1, 1963	Frank Tilton	100.00	1.94
	Edward &		5.57
	Maude Mathieu	100.00	27.01
July 15, 1963	John W. Hodges	100.00	25.38
Oct. 30, 1963	Sherman Morey	100.00	26.66
June 22, 1964	Robert S. Rose	100.00	26.90
Oct. 22, 1966	Everett Delano	100.00	53.14
Nov. 16, 1966	Walter Lewis	100.00	25.45
June 27, 1967	Roy Trombley	100.00	46.57
Sept. 5, 1967	Olga Joy	100.00	9.07
Oct. 31, 1967	James Timothy Cave	100.00	12.04
May 28, 1968	Elizabeth B. Cave	100.00	7.71
Apr. 2, 1968	Ella J. Caldwell	100.00	13.78
Dec. 24, 1968	James D. Coromei	100.00	3.02
Jan. 2, 1969	Donna J. Niles	100.00	29.36
June 28, 1964	Lorraine Cadoo	100.00	24.97
July 11, 1969	Clarence and		7.07
	Edna Prescott	100.00	6.83
May 21, 1970	Bunker Hill Cem.	100.00	26.03
	Forest and		6.89
	Helen Richards	100.00	7.91
May 21, 1970	Martha Kelley	100.00	8.04
May 21, 1970	Maurice Langley	100.00	28.41
June 1, 1970	Muriel Burbank	50.00	6.69
June 1, 1970	Gladys E. Langley	100.00	10.12
	Pine Hill Cem.		6.02
			30.97

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Sept. 29, 1970	Villa Gay	Pine Hill Cem.	100.00	11.18	6.08	4.00	13.26
Jan. 1, 1971	Wallace and Elmer Clark	Pine Hill Cem.	100.00	6.28	5.81	5.00	7.09
May 25, 1971	Mildred Staples	Pine Hill Cem.	100.00	9.63	5.99	2.00	13.62
June 29, 1971	Irene C. Morey	Pine Hill Cem.	100.00	7.63	5.88	5.00	8.51
Jan. 1, 1971	George Homer Ralph and Ruth Stearns	Pine Hill Cem.	100.00	6.28	5.81	5.00	7.09
Sept. 11, 1972	Ellen R. Carter	Bunker Hill Cem.	100.00	7.69	5.89	2.00	13.58
Nov. 3, 1973	Ernest Stuart	Pine Hill Cem.	100.00	9.74	6.00	3.00	13.74
Sept. 22, 1968	Lida H. Cross	Pine Hill Cem.	50.00	3.02	3.05	3.00	5.80
Apr. 9, 1973	William A. and Lina E. Thompson	Pine Hill Cem.	100.00	7.50	5.88	4.00	9.38
June 1973	Thomas and Louise R. Williams	Pine Hill Cem.	250.00	21.56	14.87	4.00	32.43
Aug. 1973	Rhoda Durkin	Pine Hill Cem.	100.00	7.92	5.90	3.00	10.82
Oct. 1973	Clarence Prescott	Bunker Hill Cem.	100.00	6.47	5.82	2.00	12.29
Nov. 1, 1974	Florence E. Gregerson	Pine Hill Cem.	100.00	5.46	5.77	2.00	9.23
May 1, 1974	Maurice and Jacqueline Rayno	Pine Hill Cem.	100.00	3.61	5.66	2.00	7.27
May 1, 1974	Marion Stearns	Pine Hill Cem.	100.00	3.61	5.66	2.00	7.27
Sept. 20, 1974	Henry and Ida Jackson	Pine Hill Cem.	100.00	1.47	5.55	7.02	7.02
Sept. 20, 1974	Harold and Helen Lambert	Pine Hill Cem.	100.00	1.47	5.55	4.54	4.54
Feb. 28, 1975	Henry and Evangeline Rayno	Pine Hill Cem.	100.00	100.00	100.00	3.73	3.73

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JUDITH C. RAYNO
Treasurer of Trust Funds

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INVESTMENT OF TRUST FUNDS For Year Ending December 31, 1975

Sugar River Savings Bank	Newport, N. H.	General Fund, Pass Book # 20659	\$12,816.08	\$200.00	\$13,016.08	\$4,634.38	\$ 962.29	\$344.00	\$5,252.67
		Frank P. Sargent, Pass Book # 39867	212.30		212.30	790.22	54.84		845.06
		History Committee Fund Pass Book # 39868	521.71		521.71	506.96	56.23		563.19
		Library Fund Pass Book # 39869	50.00		50.00	20.73	3.87		24.60
TOTALS									

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS — 1975

Bridge Fund (Reserve)	Sugar River Savings Bank	Bank Acct. 36657	\$11,354.35	\$2,000.00	\$9,410.82	\$3,943.53	\$918.24	\$670.94	\$1,589.18
TOTALS									

PATRICIA FLEURY
PAUL BIDWELL
CLIFFORD ROBICHAUD
Trustees of Trust Funds

TOWN OF WILMOT

MARRIAGES REGISTERED — TOWN OF WILMOT, N. H. FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1975

Date and Place of Marriage	Place of Birth of Groom and Bride	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride and Residence of Each at time of Marriage	Age	Name of Parents	Cond.	Name, Residence and Official Station of Persons by whom Married
May 3, 1975 Danbury, N.H.	New Hampshire New Hampshire	David Austin Miller Wilmot, N.H. Sherree Ann Miller Andover, N.H.	27 18	Roland Miller Iris A. Crouse Frederic C. Miller Illa Stewart	1st 1st	Donald T. Towle Danbury, N.H. Ordained Minister
May 10, 1975 Concord, N.H.	Pennsylvania Boston Mass.	John Edwin Mattis Jr. Wilmot Flat, N.H. Donna Marie Lavoie Concord, N.H.	36 43	John Mattis Sylvia Longenecker James Harvey Louise Blance	2nd 2nd	Winston L. Blake Concord, N.H. Justice of Peace
June 10, 1975 Wilmot Flat, N.H.	Virginia Massachusetts	Michael Kelly Williams Wilmot Flat, N.H. Theresa M. Kulesza Wilmot Flat, N.H.	18	Thomas W. Williams Louise Huber Henry Kulesza	1st	Charles N. Wein Potter Place, N.H. Justice of Peace
June 21, 1975	New Hampshire	Ronald Andrey Langley Wilmot, N.H.	21	Catherine King Frank Langley Clara Bigelow	1st	Jack N. Jenson Wilmot Flat, N.H. Clergyman
Wilmot, N.H.	New Mexico	Laura Lee Patterson Newport, N.H.	17	Clarence Patterson Marjorie Haven	1st	Wilmot Flat, N.H. Clergyman
July 19, 1975 Wilmot Flat, N.H.	New Hampshire	David Wayne Atwood Wilmot Flat, N.H. Robin Ann Lee	19 18	Wayne Atwood Phyllis Carter Robert E. Lee	1st 1st	Jack W. Jensen Wilmot Flat, N.H. Clergyman
July 5, 1975 Wilmot Flat, N.H.	New Hampshire	Wilmot Flat, N.H. Roland Peter Defosse	20	Marilyn Bacon Clor Lucy Preyelle	1st	Robert L. Whittemore Wilmot Flat, N.H. Minister
Sept. 19, 1975 Wilmot, N.H.	Washington, D.C. New Hampshire Pennsylvania Massachusetts	Washington, D.C. Rebecca Mae Vauehn Wilmot Flat, N.H. Robert Charles Shoemaker III Wilmot, N.H. Lucier Richmond Warner, N.H. Gregory George Shea Wilmot, N.H. Darlene Hulman Wilmot Carl Frank Szilagyi Wilmot, N.H. Bonney Lee Barton East Andover, N.H.	18 22 21 21 25 28 20 19	Gene Franklin Vaughn Celia Egret Lewis Robert C. Shoemaker Audrey Sannels Charles Richmond Dorothy Fates Thomas Gregory Nancy Reed Vincent Huriman Agnes Bratel Joseph Szilagyi Mary Pesack Charles Barton Patricia Aiken	1st 1st 1st 1st 1st 1st 1st 1st	Gail G. Smith Sunapee, N.H. Justice of Peace Jack W. Jensen Wilmot Flat, N.H. Clergyman Warren L. Hedrich Box 55 North St., Andover, N.H. Minister

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LEWIS W. LOOMER,
Town Clerk

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BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WILMOT, N. H. FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1975

Date and Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father and Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father and of Mother
Feb. 5, 1975 Hanover, N.H.	Allyson MacDaniels Fauver	Female	Alared Nye Fauver Priscilla Ann Parmenter	Wilmot Flat	New Jersey Massachusetts
Feb. 18, 1975 New London, N.H.	Eric William Brown	Male	Donald Owen Brown Melody Whitcher	Wilmot Flat	New Hampshire
Feb. 10, 1975 New London	Sarah Michelle Weed	Female	Keith Emory Wed	Wilmot Flat	New Hampshire
May 29, 1975 New London, N.H.	Shannon Marie Abair	Female	Rita Eileen Clarke Philip Lewis Abair	Wilmot	New Hampshire
July 11, 1975 Hanover, N.H.	Perren Reed Berkey	Female	Lonna Cheryl Stewart John Addison Berkey	Wilmot	California
Aug. 24, 1975 New London, N.H.	Michelle Crystal Stewart	Female	Katherine Reed Buchanan Victor Maguire Stewart	Wilmot	Wisconsin
Sept. 17, 1975 New London, N.H.	Anthony Michael LeClerc	Male	Gloria Ester McDonald Rene Cyril LeClerc	Wilmot	New Hampshire
Sept. 29, 1975 New London, N.H.	Christopher James Rayno	Male	Fayne Elizabeth Spaulding Peter Joe Rayno	Wilmot Flat	New Hampshire
Sept. 25, 1975 Concord, N.H.	Peter John Morse	Male	Mary Constance Chabot John Haskell Morse	Wilmot	Massachusetts
Nov. 17, 1975 Hanover, N.H.	John Abraham Guperus	Male	Julie Anne Badger John Mellius Guperus	Wilmot	New Hampshire
Nov. 16, 1975 Franklin, N.H.	Charity Lyn Nowell	Female	Marilyn Elaine Markle Daniel-Paul Nowell	Wilmot	Maine
Dec. 2, 1975 Concord, N.H.	Daniel Elias Shoemaker	Male	Cynthia Lee Kelly Robert Charles Shoemaker	Wilmot	New Hampshire
			Lucretia Richmond	Wilmot	Pennsylvania
				Wilmot	Massachusetts

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DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WILMOT, N. H. FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1975

Date and Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age Sex	Place of Birth and Occupation	Condition	Name of Father and Maiden Name of Mother
Feb. 23, 1975 Wilmot, N. H.	Charles E. Soule	59 M	Weymouth, Mass. Sales Rep. Southern R.R.	M	Albert E. Soule Harriet Roggels
Feb. 20, 1975 New London, N. H.	Harold George Taintor Jr.	57 M	Medford, Mass. Real Estate Broker	M	Harold Taintor Sr. Charlotte L. Perry
March 6, 1975 New London, N. H.	Carol Jean Ogmundson	31 F	Love, Washington Housewife	M	James Christian Benson Virginia Boddy
April 8, 1975 Hanover, N. H.	Harold Jameson	51 M	New Hampshire Boiler Operator	M	Henry Jameson Mabel Dunlop
Aug. 12, 1975 Concord, N. H.	Gertie May Heath	93 F		W	Moses H. Prescott Julia F. Flanders
Aug. 17, 1975 Franklin, N. H.	Kate Keneston Wells	97 F	Wilmot, N. H. Housewife	W	Benjamin C. Keneston Lucy Buck
Oct. 25, 1975 New London, N. H.	Robert Glenn Powell	69 M	Woodstock, Vt. Retired Painting Contr.	M	Francis H. Powell Josephine L. LaMountain
Dec. 14, 1975 New London, N. H.	Trisza K. Pecsy	100 F	Yugoslavia Housewife	W	Frank Kuhar Unknown

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LEWIS W. LOOMER,
Town Clerk

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TOWN OF WILMOT - FIRST WARRANT 1807

State of New Hampshire Hillsborough County

In the name of the State of New Hampshire the inhabitants of the town of Wilmot in said County qualified as the law directs are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Dwelling house of James Philbrick in said town on the second Tuesday of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose following Viz. -

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to govern meeting.
- 2nd. To choose a Town Clerk and Select Man.
- 3rd. To vote by ballot for one man duly qualified to serve as Governor of this State the ensuing year.
- 4th. To vote for one man duly qualified to serve as Councillor for said County of Hillsborough for the year ensuing.
- 5th. To vote by ballot for one man duly qualified to serve as Senator for the Eighth Senatorial District for the year.
- 6th. To vote for one man to serve as Register of Deeds for the County the ensuing year.
- 7th. To vote by ballot for one man to serve as County Treasurer for said County the ensuing year.
- 8th. To choose a Collector of Taxes, Constable and all other town officers.
- 9th. To grant money for making and repairing highways, schooling and defraying town charges.

Wilmot, February 20th, 1807

SAMUEL MESSER JR.

TOWN OF WILMOT

ACTIONS TAKEN AT FIRST TOWN MEETING 1807

Met agreeable to the before mentioned Notification -

1st. Voted Samuel Messer Jr., Moderator

2nd. Voted William Johnson Town Clerk

Voted Insley Greeley, Eliphalet Gay and Jabez Morrill, Selectmen

3rd. Voted for State and County Officers

Votes for Governor, John Langdon, twenty-nine

Votes for Governor, John Gilman, two

4th. Votes for Councillor, Benjamin Pierce, thirty

5th. Votes for Senator,

James Flanders, twenty,two

Benjamin Philbrick, one vote

John Moody, one vote

Samuel Prescott, one vote

6th. Votes for Register, Isaac Brooks, twenty-two votes

7th. Votes for Treasurer Town, twenty-one votes

8th. Voted David Cross, Collector and Constable

David Cross has agreed to collect all the taxes the present year for one cent on the dollar.

Voted James Philbrick, Robert Fowles and Benjamin Cross, Surveyors of Highways.

Voted Eliphalet Gay, Joseph Brown, Benjamin Gove and Nathaniel Buswell, Hogreeves.

Voted William Johnson and William Morey, Surveyors of Lumber.

Voted Eban Fisk, William Morey and John Bussel, Fence Viewers.

9th. Voted to raise one hundred and fifty dollars for repairing of highways.

Voted to raise two hundred dollars for schooling.

Voted to raise twenty dollars for defraying of town charges.

Voted the town be divided into three Districts, North, Center and South.

WILLIAM JOHNSON, Town Clerk

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WILMOT BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Bicentennial Committee was appointed by the Selectmen to create a program of events to celebrate Wilmot's heritage. The Selectmen may or may not have been thinking of the historic "Thirteen States" when they selected 13 members for the committee. Nevertheless it is noteworthy that the group works extremely well together and has combined their talents to bring to the Townspeople a full and exciting calendar for 1976. There is not one member of the committee who has not contributed to the planning, scheduling and shaping of events for the Bicentennial. We take no credit for individual effort - the committee as a whole deserves whatever plaudits are sent our way.

The Bicentennial Newsletter made its first appearance October 1975 and by Town Meeting day you will have received your 6th report. They will be continued as long as there is news to tell. Each member of the Committee has a delivery route and members of the committee have the responsibility to hand out copies to every household in Wilmot.

The first two events of the Bicentennial were held in 1975. On October 26th 22 persons - young and old - climbed Mr. Kearsarge to start off the Bicentennial celebrations. It was good family fun and enjoyed by those who came and those who climbed. Then on December 6th, 133 persons proudly gathered at the Town Hall for the Presentation Ceremonies of the Bicentennial flag and certificate. This was a very impressive occasion. On this memorable day those attending had the opportunity of signing Wilmot's scroll which will be carried to Valley Forge, Pa. via New Hampshire's own horse-drawn Conestoga covered wagon. Those attending Town Meeting in March will have a chance to add their names to the scroll before the wagon makes its historic pilgrimage in mid May.

Starting off the Festival year 1976, the committee has arranged for an Old Timers Storytelling Evening at the Wilmot Library, February 14. We hope that many of you will have enjoyed that event by the time you read this.

The next project is the Town Report. The Selectmen have asked the Bicentennial Committee to make this a commemorative issue by including historical data. In this connection we have interviewed the oldest native born man and woman living in Wilmot today. We are honoring them by including a biographical sketch of their lives. They are Clarence Prescott and Caroline LaJoie. We would be remiss if we did not pay tribute to the oldest living man and woman in our town today. They are Arthur Rand, 88 and Lou Atwood, 85. These fine people were born in New Hampshire also but, of course, not in our town. One can generalize about these four individuals. They are essentially all busy, active people, each one young in spirit and happy with his life. The Bicentennial Committee is proud to present them to you and to posterity as part of this town report.

While honoring the oldest citizens, we cannot neglect our oldest business in Wilmot. Other than agricultural pursuits, Freedom Acres Farm is our oldest business operating today and their story is included here.

No history can be told without a history of the schools and churches. The churches are included here. The schools will be published separately by Florence Langley of the History Committee. She has spent many hours in

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researching the schools and we look forward to the publication very soon. It is sufficient to say here that in 1976 there are no schools kept in Wilmot. Our children are sent to New London or Sutton as part of the Kearsarge Regional School District.

The Wilmot Library and the Wilmot Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. and the Wilmot Grange have been asked to write brief histories of their beginnings and we proudly present them to you. One of Wilmot's greatest success stories is the Wilmot Community Association. Their report is included in this supplement. Although no credits are mentioned in the Community Center report, we cannot let this opportunity pass without adding a special commendation to Donna Niles and Katherine White for their foresight, hard work and determination in guiding this tremendous project of its fruition.

Realizing that people living today will be the historic figures of the past in 2076, we have written biographical sketches of our present three Selectmen. It is noteworthy that all three are experienced town officers, they complement each other in many ways and bring to the Board of Selectmen a viable body that works well together. In this day of hearing of dissensions among neighboring town's officers and reading of complaints, allegations and even lawsuits in other New Hampshire towns, we can point with pride to these men.

Arthur E. Thompson has served the Town of Wilmot 48 years in one office or another. His is also one of the oldest families in town and we take this opportunity to pay tribute to him.

And finally we are bringing you a list of projects and a calendar of events for the remainder of 1976.

The Committee wishes to thank the many contributors to our fund for the building of a room in the old Wilmot Flat schoolhouse. After a vote is taken at town meeting and the federal grant is processed, we intend to start work on the project. The room will be used by the soon-to-be formed Historical Society as a museum and meeting room. You are all invited to become charter members of the Wilmot Historical Society.

WILMOT BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Alexander T. Guy, Chairman
Cdr. Robert K. Minard, Jr. Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Henry J. Mangels, Secretary
Mrs. Earle W. Chandler, Treasurer
Mrs. Keith G. Fleury
Mrs. Clarence F. Howard
Miss Florence Langley
Mrs. John C. Madden
Mr. John E. McFadden
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice F. Rayno
Mrs. David B. Romanoff
Mrs. Arthur E. Thompson

OLDEST MAN - NATIVE BORN CITIZEN

CLARENCE GOVE PRESCOTT presently lives on Kearsarge Mt. Road across from the old schoolhouse now occupied by the Emery Baileys. He is pleased to have been born on Friday, the thirteenth - August 13, 1893 on Pedrick Road, Wilmot Center, near the present town garage. The house is gone now and so is the house across Pedrick Rd. where his grandfather lived. The cellar holes remain, however. Clarence's father was Moses Prescott born in Enfield or Lyme, N. H. and his mother, the daughter of Joseph E. Gove, a native of Wilmot. Clarence has a precious momento of his grandfather Gove. It is a combination knife, fork and spoon given to Joseph Gove by his father, Warren T. Gove (Clarence's great grandfather) when Joseph enlisted in the 10th N. H. Regiment in 1862. The record shows that Joseph was severely wounded at Cold Harbor, Virginia in 1864 but lived to be mustered out in 1865. He brought back this unique utensil after having used it throughout the Civil War and today it is one of Clarence's proudest possessions.

Clarence attended the Center School, now the Wilmot Library. Among the teachers he remembers are Blanche and Bertha Tewksbury and Martha Gove. He was a schoolmate of Caroline LaJoie for a time and remembers her as a shy little girl.

When we asked about his earliest recollections of town meeting, he told of carrying water from a spring above his house to the old meeting house across from the present townhall (historical marker now at site). He was only 12 years old and expected for his pay the opportunity of eating all the oysters he could hold. George Corey who lived on the old Grace farm sold the raw oysters to the men gathered at the meeting house for 10c a plate served with vinegar and pepper. When Clarence found out that the oysters were not cooked, his expectations of a savory oyster stew were shattered and so was the pay for his work. There were no women at the town meeting in those days which no doubt helped to lend an air of holiday to the meeting. There was always plenty of liquor in the wagons, sometimes used as persuasion for votes. The meeting house, pictured on Wilmot's 1969 town report was used until 1907. Clarence recalls Howard Greeley (present Jensen house in Flat) as moderator.

Clarence Prescott has lived in a half dozen or more places in Wilmot Flat. From his marriage to Tammy Wheeler, his children are: Albert Prescott, Concord, N. H.; Edith Jennings (Mrs. William), Concord, N. H.; and Walter Prescott, New York. His late wife, Edna Rayno Prescott, gave birth to one son, Burton, now living in Danbury. The family boasts 9 grandchildren and 23 greatgrandchildren.

Clarence has been a carpenter all his life. He still works every day - sometimes in the little shop in back of his house making chairs, tables, bird houses and lawn ornaments. He also takes on maintenance and repair jobs for his neighbors and friends.

Clarence pins no laurels on himself. He calls himself an "old so and so". But there is much more to the man than that. He speaks so gently of his late wife and has compassion for his neighbors. When trouble brews "on the mountain" he is the first one there. There is no doubt that he has achieved longevity by good health, a keen mind and plenty of day-to-day activity.

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OLDEST WOMAN - NATIVE BORN CITIZEN

LILLIAN CAROLINE FOWLER LAJOIE lives in Wilmot Center, on 4A, in the house said to be the home of early settler, James Philbrook where town meetings were held 1807-1817. Caroline, as she has always been called, has lived in this historic house for more than 30 years when she bought it from her parents for \$800. (Taxes at that time were \$18.) She appreciates young people and so it is a happy arrangement that she shares her home with grandson, Kenneth Clarke.

Caroline was born on July 18, 1897 on 4A just above the entrance to Stearns rd., across from the Gleason house. The building no longer stands. Her parents were Edgar Leslie Fowler born in Wilmot and Lillian Prodence Hewitt from Vermont. Brother Arthur lives in Nashua and Austin is deceased. Caroline's grandparents were Horatio B. and Adaline Fowler. Horatio, born in Wilmot, served in the 15th N. H. Regiment during the Civil War. Caroline also fondly remembers Aunt Lucy Jane Langley, her father's sister.

Her school years were spent at the Center school and at the Flat school when she stayed awhile with her grandparents. Among her schoolmates at both schools were Clarence Prescott, Leonard Grace and Arthur Thompson. She also attended the Kearsarge School of Practice (Webb apartments now). Before her marriage Caroline taught school in North Wilmot and East Springfield. She remembers that there were 9 pupils at Springfield and among those at Wilmot were Deans, Sargent and Davenports.

On August 1, 1918 Caroline married Frederick Joseph LaJoie and they had four children. Mrs. Lillian Denish, Franklin, N. H.; Mrs. Alice Jennie Bixby, Ashland, Mass.; Frederick Wilmot LaJoie, Northboro, Mass.; and Mrs. Esther Clarke of Wilmot. The family now numbers twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She is proud of them all.

Caroline has always led a busy life. She and Fred lived many years on the farm on LaJoie Rd. (recently purchased by Brock raising their children before moving to 4A at the Center (Hoyt house) - then several years later to her present location. It was here that Caroline was postmistress for 16½ years until the Wilmot Center Post Office closed in the late 60s. Thereafter she worked at the New London Hospital until her retirement three years ago. The last several years have been busy - caring for Fred until he passed away in February 1973; restoring her house after the ravages of fire and extending her nevertiring helping hand to neighbors and friends.

When we asked about early recollections of town meetings, she remembers the new townhall. When she was in her teens she and her schoolmates were brought to the meetings to observe, take notes and write compositions. It is apparent that a different atmosphere came over the meetings when they were moved to the new building in 1907. Although the women still could not vote, they did participate in serving dinners as Grange members. The late Walter Morgan, selectman, made a lasting impression on the young Caroline with his great oratory and she recalls Backus Emmons who folks called "Idoubt it". It was his habit to stand up and call out during the proceedings "I doubt it, I doubt it, I doubt it" to show his skepticism or disapproval.

What are her fondest memories of early years in Wilmot? Memorial Day,

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starting at 9 a m, a program at the church, dinner and the march to the cemetery to decorate the graves. Old Home day at the campground brought forth happy remembrances also.

Caroline says that she has had opportunities to go elsewhere but she could never leave Wilmot. It is her world and she shines in it. Caroline is blessed with a beautiful disposition. Strangers meeting her for the first time come away feeling that they have known her for a long time. There is no doubt that this special lady is Wilmot's star - good, kind, gentle, neighborly - the strength of a town.

OLDEST MAN - RESIDENT OF WILMOT

ARTHUR BURTON RAND was born January 21, 1887, the son of Benjamin Thomas Rand and Luella Nancy Sanborn of Sanbornton, New Hampshire. His father was born in Somerville, Massachusetts and his mother a native of Sanbornton as were his grandparents, Phineas and Elizabeth Sanborn. The family goes back to the original settlers of that town.

Arthur was one of three children - his sister Lelia Pickering (Mrs. Oland) lives in Laconia and his brother William died in Center Sandwich, N. H. about fifteen years ago.

Arthur was orphaned when he was only fourteen and in 1902 he enlisted in N. H. National Guard as a rank musician. During World War I he served with Co. A 326, 82nd Division as a Combat Infantryman in France - went over on the Mauretania. He was in the thick of the fire and he retains a graphic recollection of his best friend who was killed alongside of him. Arthur proudly holds the French Verdun medal; U. S. Victory medal with 3 battle bars and the N. H. victory medal. We looked at an old portrait of the young soldier and saw a strikingly handsome man.

When Arthur returned from the war he worked as a finisher in woolen mills around New England. His first job was with A. D. Carter Woolen in Tilton, N. H. It was here that he met his wife, Clara Buckley. He tells of meeting his "blond beauty" at the water fountain. Many drinks of water later he asked her to marry him. She didn't say "yes" until he had made many more trips to the fountain and then she says he finally "wore me down".

Clara Buckley Rand was born in Yorkshire, England, the daughter of Philip and Alice Carter Buckley and lived in Lancaster, England where her father was a weaver and her mother a dressmaker. The family including two sisters (now Mrs. Myra Mustard of Bradford, Ontario and Mrs. Florence Hayes (Raymond) of Elkins, N. H.) came to Boston, U.S.A. in 1901.

The Rands moved to Wilmot Flat in 1928 and have lived in what they call "The Band Box" ever since. Here they raised their two children: Forrest Rand of E. Wakefield, N. H. and Allen Rand of Wilmot Flat. There are four grandchildren.

Arthur Rand last worked at the Dorr Mill in Guild, N. H. before his retirement in 1944. Presently he enjoys working out-of-doors in summer cutting grass and gardening. In winter Arthur spends many hours making miniature wood carvings, some with moving parts. Most of them involve

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carts and carriages for driving horses. He has always had an interest in horses dating back to his days on the farm in Sanbornton. Best horse he ever owned was "Major" who was stone blind. As a young man Arthur would haul freight around Tilton, the horse heeding his voice commands perfectly. Later he remembers a used Model T he bought for \$125 in 1917 - first car he ever had and "lots of fun".

When we asked about Arthur Rand's reflections on his long life, he considers it ordinary, nothing outstanding - plenty to eat, work he enjoyed, a good family - and after 54 years, he jokingly says, he can still stand his wife's cooking. The Rands both have a sense of humor. His is wry while hers is sparkling and the combination is delightful. They are homebodies, have a few well chosen friends - included here is Hilda Aldrich of whom they speak with high praise of her thoughtfulness.

In this day of "doing your own thing", Arthur Rand fits right in. His philosophy is to accept what you are, enjoy what you can be and grasp every opportunity to live the way you want to live.

OLDEST WOMAN - RESIDENT OF WILMOT

LULA JENNESS ATWOOD was born in South Danbury on July 10, 1890, the daughter of George Jenness (born in Canaan 1855) and Vina Bean Jenness (born in Orford 1871). She was one of 7 children. Living today are Ruby Wells (Mrs. Frank) of Danbury; Lyle Jenness of Orono, Maine, retired professor and Vera Ford (Mrs. Clarence) of South Danbury. Lou's grandparents were Jobe Jenness born in Canaan 1826 and Sarah Chellis Jenness, born in Grafton.

After a courtship of 4½ years, she married Howard Langley Atwood on June 28, 1916 at a ceremony in her parent's home in South Danbury. They lived for a few months in Orange, N. H. and then on February 2, 1917 moved to her present home in North Wilmot. Howard, born in Little Breezy, N. Wilmot (now occupied by Fred Ogmundson) a farmer and woodsman, school bus driver and road agent died in 1958. His family tree includes Langleys and Fowlers.

Lula and Howard had four children: Audrey Marie Patten, (Mrs. Ernest) of Wilmot Center; Barbara Blanche Chellis (Mrs. Delbert) of Plymouth; Leona Irene Stewart (Mrs. Robert) N. Wilmot; Wayne Atwood, N. Wilmot. The family now has grown to 13 grandchildren and 17 greatgrandchildren. (Fifteen of these offspring presently live in Wilmot)

When we asked about her recollections of early town meetings she said she did not attend in the early years which was the accepted custom of that era. She has always been a strong Grange member, has taken all degrees and is a member of the National Grange. When the Grange women started serving dinner after the town meetings she was right there to help.

It can be said of Lula Atwood that she brought a social climate to North Wilmot, by organizing the Nimble Thimble Club in 1913 and bringing together women in this sparsely populated area of town. She contributed to the community by serving on the schoolboard for 14 years.

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During the years she was raising her own children, she undertook a project of caring for 10 to 16 vacationing children from Massachusetts during July and August for about ten years. Although many years have elapsed she continues in contact with most of them. It is one of her great joys to keep in touch and welcome them on their occasional visits. She is proud, and rightly so, of having raised her own children and also of playing a role in the development of about 50 other children. When those days were over she worked at Cranehurst Inn, New London for 17 years until she was 79 years old - hating to give up the work because she liked the personal contacts at the Inn.

Asked about her early remembrances she spoke of Old Home Day....she first attended in 1913 while she and Howard were courting and hasn't missed an Old Home Day since! She remembers going early to the Big Event in a hayrack pulled by horses with a gallon of ice cream and plenty of food. Those were the joyous days when Old Home Day was held at the campground before the big 1938 hurricane.

The measure of this delightful woman is in her 85 years young. For her birthday last July she was surprised by more than 40 family members jamming the dooryard forming a huge roadblock. Her hospitality permeates the house. She is warm and good-natured, most happy with her life, enjoys being useful to people - to be at "everybody's beck and call". She likes to socialize. She loves people. She needs people. Treat yourself to a visit to this fine lady who reflects the spirit of a good town.

OLDEST OPERATING BUSINESS

"Freedom Acres" celebrates its thirtieth birthday in this year of 1976 which makes it the oldest business now operating in Wilmot. In 1946 Donna Niles and Katherine White, two ex WAC majors, stopped temporarily in Wilmot Flat and stayed to become twentieth century pioneers. They bought land on Mt. Kearsarge, cleared it, built a home and then established a business all with their own hands. The business was "A Taste of the Wild", The production of wild fruit jams and jellies which they now both sell at the farm and ship all over the world. Their Freedom Acres way of life also includes music and flowers with their hundreds of spectacular tuberous begonias being a major attraction. Their 'Do it Yourself' accomplishments attracted local then national publicity culminating in two articles in readers digest. Thousands of people visit their establishment yearly to enjoy the beauty they have created, their back to basics philosophy and their excellent products. As a major attraction of the state their renown has contributed much to the growth of the area.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WILMOT

The first Congregational Society of Wilmot was formed in 1826; when it was incorporated it bore the names of twenty-two subscribers. The First

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Congregational Church was organized in 1829 with three people from Boscowen, two from New Chester, two from Danbury and two from Springfield, forming an ecclesiastical council. One could be a member of both Society and Church or to either one. Seven people requested letters of admission to the church and were received.

In 1848 Bradley Mitchell, the second husband of Nancy, widow of James Uran, willed the Uran farm with its buildings to the Society for "the sole use of a Congregationalist minister." The farm, located on Cross Hill at the bend of the road above Arthur Thompson's, is still called the old Society Place by older residents of Wilmot. The Place was never used as a parsonage and in 1889 it was sold by the Society at public auction.

The church building at Wilmot Center was erected by the Society in 1858. Horse sheds with five stalls were built and used by six men.

At one time there was a choir loft in the rear of the church, but when this was changed is not known. In 1953 and 1954 a dining room and kitchen were built in the vacant space underneath the church.

A deed for a parsonage lot across from the church was executed in 1876. It is believed that it contained a building which became the parsonage. However, it was sold in 1953.

In 1915 the Society voted to transfer its property (funds and buildings) to the First Congregational Church ending the existence of the Society.

Today there are twenty-five members with Dr. Jack Jensen as minister. The officers are Deacons Albert Locklin and Florence Langley; Trustees Florence Langley, Madelyn DeSchong, and Betty Patten. Judith Walker is the Clerk and the Treasurer is Albert Locklin.

FIRST FREE BAPTIST CHURCH INC. OF WILMOT

The original records state that "on July 10, 1817, seven consecrated townspeople met and organized the church in Wilmot." The first pastor, Elder Robert Dickey, was a wheelwright by trade.

The first church was built in 1839 at the same location as the present building. The church housed the Congregational, Calvin Baptist, Freewill Baptist, Methodist Episcopal, and Universalist denominations. These denominations worshiped together and each in turn had charge of the Sunday worship service. As might be expected with so many different persuasions, tension developed. The Methodists owned a majority of the pews, however the Baptists were wealthier. The church burned in February 1868. Following the fire, the Baptists were able to raise the necessary finances to rebuild, which they did at a cost of \$4,999. It was finished the same year.

The church was incorporated on February 12, 1915, and joined the United Baptist Convention of New Hampshire in 1917.

There have been two women ministers in the history of the church. Miss Mabel Andrews served the church in 1898 and 1899 and again from 1907 to 1909. Miss Clara G. Forbes was the pastor from 1929 to 1935.

On October 25, 1943, the church was again totally destroyed by fire. The Rev. C. Walter Bishop immediately started plans to rebuild and on November

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4, 1943, the members voted to rebuild and a Building Committee was formed.

On November 2, 1947, the corner stone was put in place with an appropriate ceremony. The church was dedicated on April 27, 1952, with the Rev. Arlington Wry conducting the services, assisted by several of the fifty former pastors.

In 1976 there are seventy-seven members with the minister Dr. William Millar from Colby-Sawyer College faculty. The Deacons are Gertrude Holteen, Arthur Thompson, Leslie Ford, and Jacqueline Rayno. The Trustees are Maurice F. Rayno, Douglas MacDonald, and Maurice Langley. The Treasurer is Carol MacDonald and the Clerk is Annie Thompson.

The Sunday School, Ladies Aid Society, and the choir have been and still are an integral and important part of the church life.

KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

The members of the Jehovah's Witnesses met in different places in the community for many years. The Elkins Congregation of about forty active members began the excavation of their present building on June 26, 1968. The framing was begun on July 20th and the first meeting in the new building was held November 3, 1968. Seven days later the heating system was installed. The Dedication of the completed Hall was held on November 15, 1969. At this time the presiding overseer was Robert Whittemore. Merle Shute was the assistant overseer, and Dwight Hayes the Bible-study overseer.

Because of the increasing numbers in the congregation, in June 1975, there was a split with many members forming a new congregation in Franklin.

In 1976 there are fifty-eight active members in the Elkins Congregation with four Elders: Merle Shute, Roy Aldrich, Grant Logan, and Robert Whittemore. The three ministerial servants appointed by the Society are Russell Richards, magazines; Alden Farrar, literature; Richard Guimond, account servant.

METHODIST CHURCH OF WILMOT CENTER

The "First Union Meeting House" was built in Wilmot Center in 1829. A society consisting of twenty-two members was formed for that purpose. The building was used by four denominations each owning pews and each using the Meeting House on a specified Sunday each month. If a month had five Sundays, the fifth one was used by the Methodists. Around 1868, under the leadership of the Rev. Hugh Montgomery, the pews were transferred to the Methodists. From that time on it became a Methodist Episcopal Church.

Various changes were made in the building; extensive ones being made in 1850, 1867, 1886, and 1921. It is believed that the bell was installed about 1859.

The building was struck by lightning in June 1959 and burned, leaving the town without a beautiful church on a knoll overlooking the village of Wilmot Center.

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THE NORTH WILMOT CHURCH

The North Wilmot Church was built in 1829 when five denominations united in its construction. The denominations were Congregational, Christian Baptist, Universalist, Freewill Baptist and Methodist. Each held services on allotted Sundays, one having services only on the fifth Sunday of the months having five Sundays. The church was called the North Union Meeting House at that time.

The building was erected on what is now known as Tewksbury Hill, on the west side of the town highway. South of the building was one of Wilmot's muster fields and south of that is the presently known Tewksbury Cemetery. The building was built by Josiah Stearns and originally had box pews.

The congregation came from the most northerly part of the town known as the Clay neighborhood, from the eastern part of Springfield known as Fowler Town, and from the closer White and Trussell neighborhoods. Dissention between these sections resulted in the church building being moved in 1849 from the top of the hill to the four corners where it stands today. The building was moved on rollers with thirty to thirty-five yoke of oxen, through the George Tewksbury fields which were not as steep as the road, and across the brook where the banks were low. Some repairs were made and the cost of the moving and repairs totaled \$386. 90.

In 1866 the control of the church passed to the Freewill Baptist and the Methodist-Episcopal denominations. At this time the interior of the building was altered with the addition of a new gallery for the choir and about thirty-eight new pews at a cost of more than \$800.00 which was shared equally by the two denominations.

In 1915 the interior of the building was again altered when the pews and choir loft were removed and movable seats were put in as one sees it today. In the later years the building has been broken into many times and much has been stolen including all the kerosene lamps. The present horsesheds were built about 1918 by the men of the neighborhood.

In 1917 the church joined the Congregational denomination and has remained of that faith to the present time. Services are now held in the summer months.

Officers: Miss Octavia J. Stearns, Clerk and Treasurer

Trustees: Miss Octavia J. Stearns and Mrs. Mildred Sawyer Howard

HISTORY OF WILMOT LIBRARIES

Looking back in the town reports, the first mention of a Library in Wilmot is 1896. In that year's report there is an amount of \$39.00 listed under "Town indebtedness" for library purposes. It is apparent from these old records that there was no Wilmot Library in the early years although monies were appropriated each year "as required by State Law". The first Library Trustees (although there still was no library in Wilmot) were Willie M. Pillsbury, Chairman; James W. Flanders, Secretary; Henry W. Coolidge. By 1898 the fund had increased to \$132, trustees had changed to Nettie F.

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Currier, Will M. Pillsbury, and Emma L. Collins but the town continued to vote "NO" to the question of establishing a library. Trustees changed throughout the years. Some prominent names were: Seth E. Goodhue, Minot Stearns, Warren F. Langley, Ernest H. Howard, William A. Thompson, John H. Greeley, Herbert S. Clay, Addie M. White. In 1907 the trustees received a bequest of \$100 from the Mary E. Webster estate. From this action we are assured that there was interest in town even though the voters kept turning down the question to start a library.

It wasn't until 1911 that the Wilmot Library was established. Trustees at this time were: Charles J. Graney, Ernest H. Howard and Arthur C. Seavey. There were 58 books purchased by the trustees and a few contributed by Harriet M. Woodward who was the librarian. It is interesting to note that the original books were purchased from R. H. White & Co. and Sears Roebuck Co. The first Wilmot Public Library was located in Mrs. Woodward's home (now the Richard Hoyt house on 4A in Wilmot Center).

Up until this time the only monies appropriated for Library purposes were "those required by State Law". However, in 1912 the townspeople voted an additional sum of \$25 for the library. The Library had finally "made it" as an integral part of Wilmot's culture.

In 1912 a branch library was established at the Flat in the front room of the present Maurice Rayno house. Town report of 1914 states that "through the indefatigable labor of Mrs. Mary E. Roby, the branch library at the Flat has proved a success".

In 1915 the center library moved to a room in the former post office building (where Ethel Nye lived - building razed a few years ago). The voters generously appropriated \$50 for library purposes in 1915 but that ended the additional appropriations for many years until 1936 when \$25 was appropriated so that the Flat library could find a new home in the Grange building (present Community Center). All through these years the State required assessment of \$30 a year was all that the library had to work with.

It appears that in 1924 the center library moved to upstairs in the Town Hall. In 1923 Kate Ford and Florence Langley received salaries as librarians. In 1923 A. J. Langley and M. Theresa Atwood were trustees. By 1924 Abbie C. Langley had taken Kate Ford's librarian position and trustees changed to include Emma L. Collins. Mrs. Edith M. Campbell first made the records as trustee in 1927 and served in that capacity many years. She was also librarian for several years. Mildred Howard became a trustee in 1930. Other names of trustees throughout the years were: Imogene V. Emons, Mildred T. Stuart, Nettie Grace, Elsie M. Seavey.

Between the 1912 date when the Flat library opened and 1936 when it moved to the Grange building, we know that library was kept for a time in the present Tomie de Paola house. Records are not clear as to dates although it was probably around 1929.

During the Great Depression in 1934 the Civil Works Administration renovated the library room in the town hall. And it was about this time that the Bookmobile made its appearance.

Later Trustees and librarians in the 40s, 50s and 60s included Caroline LaJoie, Edna Prescott, Eva French, Edith Clarke, Eileen McLaughlin,

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Katherine White, Annie Thompson, Lorraine Cadoo, Theresa Atwood, Caspar LeVarn, Forrest Richards and Edith Payson.

In March 1972 the Wilmot voters at the annual meeting of the Kearsarge Regional School District voted 30 - 0 to close Wilmot Center School. It was sold to the town for \$1 for use as a Library. On June 3, 1972, after renovations and many hours of volunteer labor, the great day arrived. Wilmot had its own Library building! This advent was celebrated with a children's film program in the morning and an open house in the afternoon. 69 persons signed the guest book.

In the 80 years history of Wilmot Library, many persons have played a dominant part in its development, not the least of these are the present Trustees: Judith Walker, Thelma Minard and Phyllis Robichaud. The history would not be complete without mention of the dedicated efforts of Hilda Aldrich, former librarian at the Flat for many years; present Flat librarian, Margaret D. Loomer who has served faithfully for eleven years; Edith Locklin, former Center librarian; Marion Allen, the first librarian at the new Center headquarters; Mary Jane Schoeler, present Center librarian; Reed Berkey, cataloguer and without special tribute to Edith L. Payson, retired career librarian who painstakingly went about the arduous task of setting up a cataloguing system for the library.

HISTORY OF WILMOT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.

On July 16, 1941 a meeting was called to organize a town fire department. 26 men responded. Henry Rayno was elected Fire Chief; Clifford Stearns, Treasurer; Dana Aldrich, Captain; Milton Smith, Lieutenant; John Rayno, Secretary; Leon Sawyer, Frank Stone and Ernest Stuart, Fire Commissioners. We felt it would be interesting to list all of the charter members and they are: Arthur E. Thompson, Paul L. Gross, Allen C. Lister, Michael Maloney, Reverend Herbert J. Foote, Carl A. Evans, John French, Fred Gaurarditi, G. Stewart Campbell, Joseph Farnum, Joseph Sullivan, Leonard Pillsbury, Wayne Cheney, Howard L. Atwood, Burton Prescott, Everett M. Heath, Ernest H. Howard, Sidney L. Sargent, John McAuliffe, Fred LaJoie, Van C. Hill, Stanley V. Hill, Fred Peters, John W. Laughy, Lawrence Reed, Roy Aldrich, A. Crouse, Robert Thomas, Carl Sanborn, William J. Tilton, Maurice F. Rayno, Clarence Howard and John Currier.

At the August 6, 1941 meeting it was voted to purchase their first equipment — 6 hand fire extinguishers. In October 1941 the members joined the N.H. Firemen's Association. They also voted in case of a fire to ring the bells in the three churches in town (Wilmot Flat Baptist, Wilmot Center Church and North Wilmot Church). Three firemen were appointed to be responsible for ringing the church bells. They voted to incorporate.

On October 11, 1941 Thaddeus R. Buzzell deeded a piece of land on the Campground Road where the present fire station is located for the sum of \$1.00 and the fire department constructed the original building, a two bay for trucks downstairs and a hall upstairs for meetings. All of this work was done by members. In 1942 a secondhand fire truck was purchased and the first

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meeting to be held in the new fire station was September 1, 1943. Soon afterward on October 25, 1943 the fire company was called out on its first big fire when the Wilmot Flat Baptist Church burned.

From the start, the movement to organize a Fire Department in the Town of Wilmot has been made possible by donations, dances, suppers, social functions, Town of Wilmot appropriations and cooperation of all the townspeople. Everyone helps with the annual ham and bean supper.

During the years of operation, each year improvements have been made with trucks, fire fighting equipment which is brought up-to-date as money will allow. In 1966 we purchased additional land and constructed an addition to the fire station. As of now, we have one 750 gallon pumper, one 1300 gallon tank truck, one 1000 gallon tank truck, one rescue wagon all radio equipped, a base station radio, telephones hooked up with the New London Dispatch Center and firemen's homes. We are mutual-aid with 14 towns in the district.

No member of the Wilmot Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. receives pay for fighting fires. Everyone works on a voluntary basis.

In this Bicentennial year the following men are officers and commissioners. Total membership is 35. Stanley Rayno, Fire Chief; John McFadden, Treasurer; Gerald Moulton, Captain; Joseph Szilagyi, Jr., Lieutenant; Thomas Vos, Secretary; Lewis Loomer, Henry Mangels and Clifford Robichaud, commissioners.

HISTORY OF THE WILMOT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

In 1963 a handful of local citizens got together, incorporated as a non profit group, borrowed \$1,000 and purchased a 150 year old historic building in the center of Wilmot Flat for the purpose of restoring it for use as a community center. The first officers were: President, Richard Bacon; Vice President, Roy Frederick; Secretary, Loretta Rayno; Treasurer, Lewis Loomer. Directors: Eileen McLaughlin, Paul Sanborn, Donna Niles, Audrey Stevens and Elizabeth Cave. The building badly in need of repair had been originally a stage coach tavern then successively housing the G.A.R., Christian Templars, The Grange. Thus begins the story of the Wilmot Community Association which now has over 400 members and rates with the best in the state.

The original time worn and unequipped building is now almost completely restored and beautifully equipped for almost any occasion. Thousands of donated hours of labor, thousands of donated dollars, and thousands of dollars raised by activities of members have contributed to its present condition. In addition to the original land and building the Community Association now boasts an excellent tennis court and a playground beach complex with a craft building for use of its annual eight week summer recreation program for over 60 local children.

The local Little League was originally equipped by the association and is still sponsored by them. An excellent kindergarten was run by the association at the height of the baby boom. Classes at the hall have included flower arranging, ceramics, wreath making, chair caning, dog training, painting,

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furniture restoring and many other crafts. Activities for all ages have run the gamut from Senior Citizens monthly Craftreation to Teen Council's record hops. In addition the beautiful facilities have been used for weddings, receptions, showers, Cub Scouts, Brownies, and Town Planning Board meetings. Weekly bingo is fun for all. The association has its own Little Theatre Group which has had 12 annual plays and thus contributed over \$20,000 to the community activities.

The Bicentennial Year 1976 shows the following officers: Loretta Rayno, President; Paul Sanborn, Vice President; Carol MacDonald, Secretary; Rae Voss, Treasurer. Directors: Donna Niles, Clifford Robichaud, Albert Hanson, John Spearman, Patricia Fleury, Paul Barton, and Judy Champagne.

It is an almost unbelievable record of accomplishment for such a small town to have created so much without asking for tax dollars. The story is not finished yet!

WILMOT GRANGE #309

Wilmot Grange #309 was organized on March 12, 1909. There were twenty-eight charter members, two of whom — Mr. and Mrs. Harland L. Goodhue of Milford, New Hampshire, are still living. The meetings have always been held in the Town Hall and over the years, the Grange has provided stage curtains, tables, chairs, stoves, lights, dishes, cupboards, piano and many other articles for the comfort of those who have used the Hall.

Wilmot Grange is noted for its benevolent donations having contributed to many of the national appeals, to student aid organizations, scholarship funds, and has responded to local benefits and drives. The Grange has sponsored the International Farm Youth Exchange for many years, the Future Farmers of America and Farmers and World Affairs.

Community service rendered to the town includes installation of lights for the town library, donations for the card file for the library, the erection of the flag pole at the Town Hall site with flag for same, the placing of the plaque on the site of the first Town Hall, and many other projects. The Grange was responsible for the meeting which resulted in the organization of our Town Planning Board.

The annual Grange Fair is an outstanding community event of each year.

In 1976 there are sixty-nine members — nine with fifty or more years of continuous membership and seventeen who have belonged to Wilmot Grange for twenty-five years or more.

PRESENT 3 SELECTMEN OF WILMOT — 1976

JOHN HASKELL MORSE was born in Winchester, Massachusetts on May 22, 1938, the son of the late Walter Harrison and Katherine Haskell Morse. His mother now lives in New London, N.H. The family includes sisters, Mrs. Katherine Andre Hines, Weare, N.H.; Mary Emily Morse, Vancouver, B.C. and brothers Walter Harrison Morse, Wilmot Flat; Haskell White Morse,

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presently in the Marine corps.

He is married to the former Julie Badger of Concord, N.H., a registered nurse and they have four sons: John Haskell, Jr. (Jay); Joel Harrison; Matthew Wright and Peter John, ages spanning 14 years to six months.

John's late father was a Navy Captain and during the years he was growing up the family lived in many parts of the United States. John himself served two years in the Marine Corps 1956-58. He graduated from Brewster Academy, Wolfeboro, N.H. and from the University of New Hampshire in 1962, BS in Forestry. He has always worked for himself and presently operates Kearnwood Inc., a forest management and surveying organization.

The Morses moved to Wilmot in 1963 when they saw a farm for sale in the N.H. Market Bulletin. This is the old Heyer Farm located at the end of Richards Road. (It is the house where the legendary Sarah Teel was born). John has renovated most of the house, built a new barn and presently has 7 head of cattle, 14 sheep, 12 chickens and pigs in summer. The three older boys (his farm crew) worked all summer long haying here and there with their dad. The whole family thoroughly enjoys their farming experiences. It is John's diversion from everyday work and the kids share his enthusiasm. The Morses' social life is limited — involved mostly in family things — and in Pittsburg, N.H. there is a shack in the woods owned by John Morse and Henry Stevens where they go to fish and hunt. Memorial Day is family day there. The Morse family skis and snowshoes and in summer they swim a lot but John says "mostly they hay."

When we asked about his interest in being a Selectman in Wilmot, he says that he has traveled "the 48" and now has put his roots down in Wilmot. He likes farming and small town living . . . strongly advocates home rule for towns. John feels that he has learned a lot in the 9 years he has been Selectman and brings this experience to the office.

There are big appetites at his house and they raise 90% of their food. The Morses feel that their way of life is what they want for their children — responsibility in caring for the farm animals and good hard strenuous outdoor activity to build minds and bodies strong and straight.

EARLE WALTER CHANDLER was born September 6, 1913 in Bartlett, New Hampshire, the son of Walter Jacob Chandler and Helen Archibald Chandler. He has a brother and sister, both living in Bartlett — John Maurice Chandler and Alice Chandler Davis (Mrs. Robert). Earle has lived most of his life at the family farm in Bartlett — moved to Wilmot in 1965.

He is married to the former Alice Raynor and his children are: Mrs. Dorothy Alice Prats, Silver Spring, Maryland; Earle W. Chandler, Jr., Steamboat Springs, Colorado; Charles W. Chandler, Northfield, N.H.; Gene G. Chandler, Bartlett, N.H. and Mrs. Mikell Mary Beyerle of Madison N.H. There are nine grandchildren.

Earle graduated from Bartlett High School and from the University of New Hampshire 1935, BS in Business Administration. His first job out of college was with the U.S. Forest Service. Since then he has worked for himself and others in various lumbering and sawmill operations in New Hampshire. He has always farmed, before and after school when he was a little fellow to help

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his father and later operating the family dairy farm in Bartlett and presently Chandler Farm on Kearsarge Mountain (the old Walter Morgan place). He tells of his boyhood schooldays — driving a two seated pung to school each day, picking up kids along the way and caring for the horse at noontime. He recollects those early rising hours and milk deliveries before school. To this day he is up early and thinks anything worth doing is best done in the forenoon.

When we asked about his interest in being Selectman, he told us that he has been Selectman most of his adult life — first in Bartlett for 15 years (his father and grandfather were Selectmen before him — and his son, Gene is presently a Bartlett Selectman) and then in Wilmot for 8 years. Earle is genuinely interested in people and wants to do the best for them in keeping the tax rate down by good administration and fair-sharing the taxload.

Earle is community minded with many years of public service. He was elected to the General Court from Bartlett for four sessions where he served as Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee and as Majority Leader in the House. He has been a member of two Constitutional Conventions and was for many years moderator of the Bartlett School District.

Earle spends a lot of time reading — two to four hours a day. He likes to fish and hunt. Skiing is a family tradition — they are all long-time experts.

After all these years Earle still loves to farm. It is his way of life. He spends many hours on his farm machinery, is proud of his cattle, sweetcorn and huge pumpkins. He is good natured and generous — nothing he likes better than visiting around town or helping out a neighbor unless it's welcoming a caller at Chandler Farm — just to sit and talk.

ERNEST MELVIN PATTEN was born on September 14, 1908 in Wilmot Center at the site of the present Szilagyi store. The house burned but the cellar hole of the barn across the road is still visible.

He is the son of the late George Patten, a farmer, born in Croydon and mother, Luvia M. Tenney Patten, born in Wilmot. His grandparents were Daniel and Sarah Tenney of Wilmot.

Ernest had five sisters and brothers, three of whom are living: Mrs. Katie L. Baker, Concord, N.H.; Ervin C. Patten, Potter Place and Mrs. Dorothy Breslin of Concord, N.H. Many Wilmot people fondly remember Forrest L. Patten (husband of Alice) and Mrs. Ruth M. Grace (wife of Leonard) who have died. Ernest also had three half-brothers, Edgar E., Mason C. and Henry G., now all deceased.

Ernest's first wife was Ezilda Marie Libby and they had five children: Henry L. Patten, our present Road Agent; Harley G. Patten, California; Mrs. Louise A. Andrus, Andover; David E. Patten, Rockland, Mass.; John L. Patten, Grafton, N. H.

Several years ago Ernest married Audrey Marie Atwood and they make their home on Granite Hill Road. Between the two of them they have 19 grandchildren.

Ernest has an impressive record of service to Wilmot. He was Road Agent back in 1937 for 8 years. Those were the days when there were three road agents each responsible for an area of town and each agent had a budget of

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about \$500 a year. Then in 1951 he was elected Selectman and served in this capacity for 8 years. His present term of office started with 1975.

Ernest's parents died when he was only 9 or 10 years old and so he was hunted around from relative to friend to relative during his school years. Consequently he attended Wilmot Center School, the old Elkins school, next to where the Campbells live now and the old New London school, now the parking lot across from the bank. In Elkins he remembers Elsie Stearns, daughter of John Stearns, prominent citizen of Wilmot, as one of his teachers.

Ernest's life work has been in lumbering. He started in his early teens helping his uncle cut pulpwood. Later he operated a sawmill in Wilmot for 20 years — set it up himself. He is a woodsman and a wood craftsman. Ernest likes to work with wood and has a shop with modern equipment set up in his garage where he makes cradles for his grandchildren, knicknacks shelves, bird houses and replicas of old time things. Fishing and hunting are important to him also.

When we asked Ernest how he feels that he contributes to the Board of Selectmen, he told us that he understands the town and knows all of the property locations. This is indeed a great asset to a town with a vast network of back roads and acres of wildland.

For recreation he and Audrey love to square dance and their next preference is probably antiquing.

LONG-TIME WILMOT TOWN TREASURER

ARTHUR ELKINS THOMPSON was born on Cross Hill Road in the house where he now lives on December 28, 1904, fifteen minutes after the birth of his brother, Wilbur. The twins and a sister, Mrs. Virginia Tasker, Huntington, Vermont are the children of William Arthur Thompson (born in Salisbury, N. H.) and Lina Emons (born in Wilmot where the Walter Morse family lives today.) There was a younger brother, Wallace S. who was fatally injured in an auto accident in 1937. Arthur's grandfather born in 1811 at the family homestead on Cross Hill was Samuel Thompson II and his grandmother was Elizabeth Thompson Thompson of Deerfield, N. H. It is interesting to note that while Arthur and his grandfather were both born on Cross Hill, his father was not. It seems that there were two intervening years when Samuel Durgin lived in the Thompson homestead and it was during this brief period that Arthur's father was born in Salisbury. His maternal grandparents were Benjamin Emons, Danbury and Imogene Smith, Deering, N.H.

Out back of Arthur's house, beyond the barnyard you will find an old family cemetery. Captain Samuel Thompson, Arthur's great grandfather was buried there in 1813 as was his wife Miriam Thompson Thompson. Captain Thompson has the distinction of being one of the first voters in Wilmot in 1807.

Arthur is married to the former Annie R. Whittemore (born in W. Andover, N.H.). Their children are Mrs. Elizabeth Blalock (Robert) of Miami, Florida and Charles W. Thompson, Pembroke, N. H. They have four grandchildren.

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This is Arthur E. Thompson's impressive record of service to his town: It adds up to 155 years of total service! Starting in 1927 when he was a young man of 23 years, he became town auditor for 7 years and school district auditor for 10 years, all consecutive. Then came 30 years of being Treasurer of the School District and as of this year, as our present treasurer, he has served 31 consecutive years. Other public service commitments were Moderator for the School District for 10 years and Town Moderator for 34 years; 5 sessions 1959-63-65-67-73 at the General Court in Concord; delegate to the State Constitutional Convention in 1964; Delegate from Wilmot for two years to the Merrimack County Legislative Delegation and 20 years as first Deputy and then Forest Fire Warden for Wilmot.

Arthur is a phenomenon in this year of 1976. Here is a man who has dedicated his entire life to town business. Other than the farm work which he has been involved in throughout the years, he has interested himself in church and Grange affairs. He has been a long-time member (1928) of the First Free Baptist Church of Wilmot Flat and faithful to its service. He is in his 53rd year membership of the Grange and is a 7th degree member of the order of Patrons of Husbandry.

A truly remarkable man this Bicentennial year is Arthur Elkins Thompson.

WILMOT BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE PROJECTS

Library Display: A rotating display throughout 1976 of memorabilia of historical interest to Wilmot commencing at March Town meeting.

Revolutionary Graves: Attempt to get stones for those unmarked.

Wilmot Schools: Encouragement of the publication of Florence Langley's History of Wilmot Schools.

Plaque: for the present LaJoie house said to be the home of early settler, James Philbrick where the first town meetings were held.

Marker: For Billy Buskin's grave near Chase Pond. This is Civil War horse who went to war with his master, Francis Chase.

Hiking Trail: To be located by the Teen Council.

Bicentennial medal: Medal depicting the North Wilmot Church and Kearsarge Mountain will be produced in bronze, pewter and silver.

Wilmot Historical Society: Establishment within the bicentennial year, to be located in the old Wilmot Flat schoolhouse (see project of lasting nature below)

Red, White and Blue gardens: Encouragement of townspeople and businesses to grow a bicentennial garden using patriotic colors.

American Flag: Encouragement to fly American Flag this festival year.

Time Capsule: Implanting of container, within which we will cache memorabilia of this 1976 bicentennial year to be opened in 2076.

1976 Town Map: Production of a map on which the name of the present day occupant of each dwelling will be inscribed.

Town Museum and meeting room: This is the Committee's Project of a lasting nature for which we have applied for a Federal grant. A public hearing has been held in the town regarding the Committee's request to build a room in the old Wilmot Flat schoolhouse. Work will proceed as soon after March town meeting as possible.

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BICENTENNIAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS — 1976

February 14, Oldtimers Storytelling Evening at Wilmot Library, 7:30 p.m. Refreshments.

March Special Bicentennial supplement in Town Report.

May 8 Bicentennial Antique Craft Fair to include demonstrations of old crafts, displays and a children's art contest (stories, sculpture, photography, paintings and drawings — with prizes). Produced by Teen Council.

June 26 Street dance — Teen Council.

July 17 Summer town meeting, mid afternoon, and presentation of play "Birth of a Town" written by Olive Chase. Town Hall. Then supper 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Wilmot Center Congregational Church followed by a musical evening — special music and dancing.

August 21 12 noon start of Parade at fire house, judging of floats. John McFadden, Parade Master. Parade at 1 p.m. starting at fire house, down Village Road, up Pine Hill Rd., across Rt. 11 to ballfield. Field events following, under direction of Youth Council — soft ball game, chicken barbecue with a box lunch raffle-auction.

August 22 Church service Old Home Day at 10:30 a.m. Wilmot Flat Baptist Church. Basket lunch, band concert and then swimming and water contests at the Wilmot Beach. Bring your own picnic supper.

Before the year's end Dedication of Historical Room in old Wilmot Flat schoolhouse and implanting of time capsule.

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1976 COMMUNITY APPOINTMENT CALENDAR

Municipal

Board of Selectmen at Town Hall, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.
Supervisors of the Check List at Town Hall, Saturday and Monday preceding each election, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Volunteer Fire Company, at Fire House, 1st Thursday of every month at 8 P.M. Members and prospective members welcome.

Planning Board, first Monday every month at Community Center at 7:30 P.M.

Board of Adjustment, at call of the Chairman.

Bicentennial Committee, first Tuesday every month at Community Center at 7:30 P.M.

Churches

Baptist, Wilmot Flat, 11 A.M. (Sunday School at 10:15 A.M.)

Catholic Mass Schedule:

Our Lady of Fatima, New London,
Winter 8 and 10:30 A.M.

Summer 8, 9:30 and 11 A.M.

All year: Sunday Mass privilege, Saturdays 5 P.M.

Immaculate Conception, Potter Place
Winter 9:15 A.M.

Summer 8:30 and 10 A.M.

Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Wilmot Flat, 9:30 A.m.
Ministry School Meeting, Thursday 7:30 P.M.

Congregational, North Wilmot, July and August at 11 A.M.

Congregational, Member United Church of Christ, Wilmot Center
Public worship 9:45 A.M.

Libraries:

Wilmot Center, April 1 to October 31, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 6-8 P.M., Tuesday 6:30 to 8:30 P.M., Wednesday 1-4 P.M.
November 1 to March 31, Wednesday 1-4, 6-8 P.M. Tues. 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.
Wilmot Flat, Thursday 7-9 P.M., Friday 1-4 P.M.

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Organizations:

Ivy Guild, Congregational Church, Wilmot Center
2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 P.M.
November through March at 2:30 P.M.

Ladies Aid Society, Baptist Church, Wilmot Flat
1st Thursday of every month at 2 P.M.

Nimble Thimble Club, North Wilmot
2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month at 7:30 P.M.

Spares and Pairs Club
3rd Saturday of every month October to April, at 6:30 P.M.
Wilmot Flat Baptist Church Vestry

Wilmot Community Association
Directors' meetings, 2nd Tuesday each month.
Timmy Patten Memorial Park, recreational program starting July 1 for 8 weeks
Bingo, every Wednesday night at 7:30 P.M.

Wilmot Grange No. 309, Town Hall
1st and 3rd Fridays of every month at 8 P.M.

To commemorate this nation's Bicentennial we hereby dedicate ourselves anew to the precepts of our Founding Fathers: We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness

